# After one year, three months and 20 days, OJ Simpson walks free

TIM CORNWELL Los Angeles

The case that began with a slowmotion televised chase down southern California's freeways ended yesterday with another convoy, as police cars and media helicopters shadowed the bus carrying OJ Simpson from the courtroom to the jail, then tailed the white van taking him home a free man.

Orenthal James Simpson was acquitted by a jury of the brutal murders of his ex-wife Nicole and her friend Ronald Goldman. He walked into his Los Angeles estate to be embraced by his friend and fellow football player, Al Cowlings, who last June was accused of trying to

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drive Simpson to Mexico In a case that has come to capture the racial divides in America, where most whites firmly believed in Simpson's guilt, TV audiences of mostly Californians the denouement in churches and high schools, erupted in

roars of delight. The prosecution had a lot of loopholes in their side of the case. I think the jury did a fine ob," said Danny Bakewell of Brotherhood Crusade, a black

community group. There were gasps and weeping in the courtroom and outside it as the verdict was read. Simpson hugged his lead attorney, Johnnie Cochran, and returned to the LA County jail to be discharged.

Simpson's 71-year-old wheelchair-bound mother Eunice lifted her hands as if in prayer when he was cleared of both



first and second degree murder counts by a unanimous vote. "I knew that my son was innocent," she said later. "I kept the faith and I had confidence in his

representation." Kim Goldman, the young sis ter of the murder victim who was in court for every day of the case and was dubbed the conscience of the trial of the century, sobbed uncontrollably.

Her father Fred, who had la- older son Jason, Simpson belled Simpson as a murderer, seemed to gasp for breath.

The Los Angeles Police Department went on tactical alert with marksmen on rooftops around the courthouse and helicopters buzzing. Crowds lined the streets around the courtroom behind yellow police tape,

but quickly dispersed. In a statement read by his

pledged to "pursue as my pri-mary goal in life the killers" of his ex-wife. "They are out there somewhere. Whatever it takes to bring them in ... I will find

them somehow." Simpson, who did not testify in his own defence but said early on he was "100 per cent" not guilty, said: "I am relieved that this part of the incredible on to his life." While in his clos-

nightmare that occurred is over. My first obligation is to my young children who will be raised in the way that Nicole and I had planned ... I would not, could not, and did not kill anyone." Sydney, 9, and Justin, 7, are currently in the care of

Nicole's Brown's parents. Mr Cochran said Simpson was "ecstatic and wants to get

ing statements to the jury, Mr in everything in America and we Cochran was blamed for inflaming the race issue, he turned the post-trial focus on the prosecution's timeline for the murders. The defence argued that Simpson simply did not have time to commit the

 But asked whether race had overcome the facts, Mr Cochran said: "Race plays a part gan with a prayer of thanks and at one point burst into laughter, prosecutors looked blank and

District Attorney Gil Garcetti, up for re-election in 1996, said he was profoundly disappointed and angry, and suggested the jury's snap decision "was based on emotions

that overcame the reason" The deliberations of the jury of eight black women, two white women and one Hispanic and one black man, who had been poker-faced through the trial, remained a mystery. The jury asked Judge Lance Ito to preserve their anonymity, and asked not to speak to either press or the competing

attorneys. Assistant Prosecutor Christopher Darden, who in the courtroom appeared bitterly offended by the defence's playing the race card, said he accepted the jury's verdict but added: "We came here in search of justice, you will have to be the judge of whether any of us

found it today."
Simpson, 48, faced a possible life prison term without name if convicted of first degree murder in the 12 June 1994 cillings. It may not be long now before he attempts to cash in on his acquittal. Even before vesterday's verdicts, intermediaries for Mr Simpson had filed formal patent requests with the US government to use the O J products including calendars, children's toys, place mats and, above all, a new line of O J Simpson clothing. Simpson is also rumoured to be considering giving a one-off, post-trial interview to pay-per-view television in the United States with CNN star interviewer Larry King. Boxing star Mike Tyson, after his release from prison this summer after being convicted of rape, staged a comeback fight on pay-per-view that netted him an instant \$25 million.

## Blair pledges to build 'a new Britain

DONALD MACINTYRE Political Editor

Tony Blair yesterday sought to seize the high ground of patriotism and national unity from the Tories in a crusading, technocratic and visionary speech which promised to "build a new Britain" as a "nation for all the people, where old divisions are cast out".

He dramatised his pledge to usher Britain into a techno-log-ical "new age" by announcing a deal with British Telecom to allow it into the cable entertainment market in return for linking every school, college, hospital and library to the information superhighway for

The Labour leader promised his party, still reeling from 16 months of internal reform since he became leader: "I didn't hear of technology" speech in

the Labour Party, I came into politics to transform Britain. And he sent a thrill through the Brighton conference by

pledging that he did not want "a one-term Labour govern-ment that dazzles for a moment then ends in distillusion ... I want a Labour government that governs for a generation and changes Britain for good". Mr Blair appealed directly to voters to entrust "a new gener-ation" with the task of meeting

the challenges needed "to change the basis of this country's thinking of the last 100 years." Having brought the conference to its feet at the outset by introducing an emotional Lady Wilson - widow of Harold - Mr . Blair went on to invite in-

the verge of a lasting electoral breakthrough.

He also went out of his way to restate the "moral purpose" of his socialism and declared

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Section the that he tried to live his life by the "simple truths". He said: "I am my brother's keeper. I will not walk by on the other side." evitable comparisons with the . In a speech which did not late Labour premier's "white once mention John Major by

waving patriotism of the Tories and said that many of the thousands of war veterans he had encountered during the VJ-Day celebrations had called to him to "get the Tories out". He declared: "These are our people. They love this country, just as we do. It is because they love

this country that they look to us

to change it."

Declaring that "education is the best economic policy there is", Mr Blair announced that his education spokesman, David Bhrnkett, would begin early talks with the main computer companies to secure a private/public finance deal aimed. at giving every schoolchild access to a laptop computer. However, Roy Hattersley, the former deputy Labour leader, last night set himself against the party leadership's education policy

by calling for the abolition of private schools.

Mr Blair pledged a new high-tech link in the National Health Service between GPs and regional "centres of excellence". He produced a well-trailed £60m plan to reduce primary school classes to 30 and to wean single parents off benefit and into work. He floated the possibility of up to 3,000 more policemen on the streets - funded by abandoning the Torics

identity-card scheme. And on social security he promised more detailed plans for removing the "stigma of the means test" by a pension guarantee based on a mix of publicand private-sector provision. He also said he would hand over the lottery to a non-profit making concern when Camelor's contract expired in six years' time. Mr Blair did not shrink from

"hard choices" Labour would face in government. He would refuse "to take risks" with inflation and in a stark message to union leaders declared that on public-sector pay Labour would

have to "say no as well as yes". There was the faintest of echoes of President John Kennedy in his promise to make "new Britain" the "young country of my generation's dreams". In an ambitious attempt to

restore moral authority to par-ty politics, Mr Blair reaffirmed his ethical socialist belief in community with a declaration that a "United Kingdom" was one "where your child in distress is my child, your parent ill and in pain, is my parent, your friend

### unemployed or helpless, my friend, your neighbour my neighbour. That is the true patriotism of a nation".

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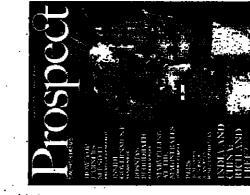
was fought out for the TV cam-

eras quickly saw a series of du-

elling news conferences. While

The aftermath of a case that

was a real heck of a trial."



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Have a go Howard

"Have-a-go heroes" who

themselves against bur-

Rosemany West goes on trial The trial of Rosemary West, 41, on 10 murder charges, including that of her own eldest daughter, began at Win-chester Crown Court amid huge media interest. A jury of eight men and four women was swom in and then sent away until at least Friday while the judge, Mr. Justice Mantell, hears legal submissions

Howard, said. Page 11 Pollution inquiry Irish, British and US scientists are to investigate if pollution is to blame for widespread cattle deaths and human illnesses affecting up to 20 farms in west-ern Ireland. Page 10

Begging crackdown The Government announced that it was

use violente to defend reviewing vagrancy and other laws and urging the poplans and vandals should be treated more sympatheti-cally by the criminal justice lice and voluntary workers to get tough with vagrants, drunks and beggars, in an system and police, the attempt to clean up the Home Secretary, Michael streets. Page 4

Disurrited colours Manchester United fans, upset by the transfers of star players, were dealt another blow as the chib unveiled soaring revenue from its widely criticised mer-Page 10 chandising operation. Page 7

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# Whites' idol becomes black hero

JOHN CARLIN

The OJ Simpson case: a chronology

JUNE 13 1994

June 13 The bodies of Simpson's ex-wife Nicola Brown Simpson

and her triend Ronald Goldman are found outside her Brentwood

townhouse. Simpson returns home after an overnight flight to

June 16 Victims are buried in separate ceremonies. Simpson

June 17 Simoson is arrested after a nationally televised slow-

June 24 Judge Cecil Mills halts a grand jury probe into the

murders, saying panel has been tainted by unprecedented media coverage. Harvard law professor Alan Dershowitz and flamboyant trial lawyer F. Lee Bailey join defence team.

June 30 Simpson's preliminary hearing begins, July 8 Judge Kathleen Kennedy-Powell orders Simpson to stand.

July 20 Simpson offers \$500,000 reward for information leading to

July 22 Simpson pleads "absolutely, 100 per cent not guilty" at his:

arraignment. Case assigned to Judge Lance Ito. Noted trial lawyer:

Sept. 9 Los Angeles district attorney's office says it will not seek

Jan. 24 Prosecutor Marcia Clark begins opening statement.

testifies that Simpson told him he dreamed of killing Nicole

Feb. 3 Derise Brown lakes the wingss distributes silv about. Simpsorts alleged abuse of her sister, Nicole Shipsort.

n videolape. Mar. 9 Detective Mark Fuhrman takes the

witness stand to bestify

April 12 After remove

from jury, Jeennette

deputies promoted racial:

Hams says jurcis

about finding both bloody.

Feb. 12 July tours crime scane and Simpson's mansions

Feb. 24 Arguments erupt over testimony of house Lopez, forcing ito to take her testimony on videosa

appear at the courthouse wearing black.

June 15 Simpson tries on bloody gloves in court and pronounces

innocence in a surprise courtroom statement; both sides rest; to

Sept. 27 Prosecution concludes first phase of closing argument. Defence begins closing statement.

Sept. 29 Prosecution completes final phase of closing argument.

Oct. 2 Jury tells Judge Ito it has reached a verdict. Ito says he will

Sept. 25 Prosecution's Clark begins closing statement.

Sept. 28 Defence wraps up closing argument.

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Jans 31 Tasilmony begins. Feb. 1 Ron Shipp, a former LAPO officer and fiterid of Simpsen.

Jan. 25 Cochran begins defence opening statement.

Chicago, is questioned by police and then released.

attende his ex-wife's funeral.

speed pursuit along Los Angeles freeway

June 20 Simpson pleads not guilty.

Johnnie Cochran joins defence.

death penalty against Simpson. Sept. 26 Jory selection begins.

Dec. 8 12 alternate jurors swom in

Nov. 3 Jury of 12 sworn in.

Jan. 11 July sequestered:

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them "too small".

July 6 Prosecution

its case by calling

Simpson's daughter

Amelle, to the stand.

Aug. 29 Portions of

court in which he is

heard uttering racial

Sept. 6 Taking the

absent, Fuhrman

Amendment right

against self-incrimination and

refuses to answer

Sept. 22 Simpso

witness stand with jury

July 10 Defence begin

If every person who stood trial in the US had OJ Simpson's money, America's jails would not be as packed as they are. Mr Simpson spent more than \$8m (£5m) on his defence, securing the services of a "dream team" of lawyers and investigators who succeeded in sowing sufficient reasonable doubt in the minds of the jurors to win him a unanimous, and surprisingly

swift, not guilty verdict. Fully half of the population, three quarters of them white, delivered a verdict of guilty, ac-cording to the polls. And this, in millions of cases, on the strength of having watched the proceedings on television as closely as the jurors themselves.

a verdict of guilt without of Mr Simpson's blood and hairs found at the murder scene reasonable doubt.

It was due to the dogged resourcefulness of the private investigators recruited by Mr Simpson's defence team that evidence came before the court revealing that Detective Mark Fuhrman had lied to the court when he testified that he had not used the word "nigger" in the previous 10 years. It was due to the skill of Johnnie Cochran, who led Mr Simpson's defence, that three-quarters of the way through the trial the man in the dock became, effectively, not Mr Simpson, but Mr Fuhrman, who on the night of the murders found a blood-spattered glove

The evidence compiled by the prosecution, notably samples done so as to render impossible a race drama. "Do the right many black Americans as black thing," he urged the jurors, nine of whom were black, during his concluding arguments last week. Explicitly, he told them that a victory for the prosecution would be a victory for the Los Angeles police de-partment and, by extension, a defeat for the black civil rights

> prosecution lawyer, pleaded with the jurors to see through Mr Cochran's "smoke" and concentrate on the facts of the case. American racism was not on trial here. Mr Simpson

Chris Darden, the black

The jurors listened to Mr Cochran, exposing at least two of the major ironies the trial on Mr Simpson's property. of the major ironies the trial From the word go, Mr yielded. First, before the trial,

many black Americans as black in appearance only. He was what is known dismissively in the ghetios as an "Oreo", the name of a popular biscuit that is chocolate on the outside and white inside. He lived in a big estate in a white neighbourhood; he drove a Bentley; he played golf with white big shots; he exchanged a black wife for a white one; he was an all-American sports hero who reassured whites' wishful notions that racism in America was dead. that there was nothing of substance for blacks to whine

Mr Cochran's magic was to transform "OJ", the creation of establishment media hype, back into Orenthal James, his moth-

The second irony that still has to be played out concerns Mr Fuhrman, who may end up in jail for perjury, while the man he tried to jail goes free. The one thing both men may have in common is that, whatever happens, their reputations among vast sectors of the American population have been

destroyed.

But the biggest loser of all is likely to be America's criminal justice system. Right or wrong. Middle America's complacent belief in the constitutional notion of equality before the law - for rich and poor, famous or unknown - has been shot to pieces. The lesson of the OJ Simpson trial that many millions of Americans will absorb is that as with politics, so with the

The verdict: A key police witness's racial jibes undermined prosecution's forensic evidence

## How a trial turned on a bloody glove

TIM CORNWELL

Orenthal James Simpson track star. TV commentator. comedy movie actor - is, according to the law, an innocent man. Argument will rage for years about the weight of evidence against him. At the very innocent or guilty - he benefited from one of the most confused and bungled prosecutions of a high-profile case in American legal history.

According to the prosecution, he was a cold-blooded murderer, a man who brutally dispatched his ex-wife and a friend and, within the space of an hour, showered, changed and took a limousine to the airport.
According to the defence, he

was the victim of a hurried plan by the LA police department to frame a celebrity - and, more importantly, a black celebrity. The pivotal moment in the

trial was the argument sur-rounding a bloody glove found near the murder scene and spots of blood found in OJ's According to the prosecution

the DNA match-up between was a conclusive 57 billion to one shot. The defence alleged that the blood and glove were planted by the LA police department. Some credence was given to this claim when it emerged that Detective Mark Fuhrman, the policeman who found the glove, was an inveterate racisi.

Judge Lance Ito allowed the jury to hear extracts of a taped conversation with Fuhrman in which he used the word nigger. Although the judge did not expose the mainly black jury to the full tapes, experienced trial watchers - and leaks from the jury room - suggested that OJ could not be convicted from that

How strong was the evidence

The entire 12-month trial eemed to turn, in the end, on OJ's chauffeur-driven journey on the night of the crime from his estate, in Brentwood, near Beverly Hills, to LA international airport. On Monday, just before they announced that they had reached a verdict, the jury asked to hear once again the testimony of his chauffeur, Allan Park Mr Park told the court that, at 10.40pm on the night of the murder, he buzzed the intercom at Simpson's gate without an answer. Fifteen minutes later, he buzzed again. Simpson answered, saying he had overslept and was in the shower. In the intervening time, Park said he saw a man in dark clothing enter the house.

and a bloody glove found at his

home, would have convicted

many an ordinary criminal de-

pending for his life on the ser-

defender. This is not least be-

cause Mr Simpson, who did not take the witness stand, failed

to provide an alibi. It is still not

known, after a trial that lasted

nine months, what Mr Simpson

was doing at the time of the mur-

ders of his ex-wife, Nicole, and

could have reached was that the

police investigators in the case,

motivated by racial hatred, had

planted the evidence. Or, at any

The only conclusion the jury

her friend, Ronald Goldman.

vices of a regular public

lenged in the trial - appeared

OJ, it seemed, had an opportunity to commit the crime. What of motive and proof?

ken into my house and he's ranting and raving outside in the front yard," Nicole told the the dispatcher. In the background is heard raging about a National Enquirer story about the coudon't give a - any more, -," he

Much depended on the Mr Simpson's house with car-

Richard Rubin, a former glove company executive, said he was "100 per cent certain" that the bloody gloves found at Nicole's home and Simpson's were the same Aris Leather Lights style number 70263 with Brasser stitching that Simpson

oath in court. If not OJ, who?

The defence claimed that a Colombian cocaine cartel killed Nicole and her friend by mistake. They had, the defence one of her friends. No convincing evidence was

offered that such a plot ever



to undermine the central assertion of the defence: that Simpson was at home practising his golf swing from 9.40pm to 11pm - while his wife was being virtually de-capitated two miles away. At 11pm that night her mangled body was found alongside that of Ronald Goldman, a waiter at a local restau-

The prosecution asserted that

OJ was perpetually jealous, a man driven by the need to bring his ex-wife under his control. According to this version, he took Goldman for his wife's lover, although this was never proven. On 25 October 1993. just nine months before her death, Nicole Simpson dialled 911, for the police. "My hisband or ex-husband — has just broof the tape, played in court, OJ

bloody glove found at the murder scene and a trail of blood drops nearby and in his own driveway. Blood on the rear gate of Nicole Simpson's condominium, retrieved several weeks after the crime, also matched his. Blood on a sock found in Simpson's bedroom matched Nicole's. An FBI hair and fibre expert matched fibres found on a knit cap near the bodies and on a leather glove found behind

peting in his Ford Bronco. sported in a photograph at a football game in 1991.

But all this evidence was discredited by the bungled early stages of the police investigation and the destruction of Detective Fuhrman's character by the tapes proving his racist attitudes - something he had denied on "going nuts" with frustration

TIM CORNWELL

ing desire seems to have been

to get it over as fast as possible.

"All we can tell is that we have

12 jurors that made up their

minds a long time ago. They

want to go home so badly that

they simply don't care about the

appearance of their own rush to

la, a Los Angeles law professor.

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Television news stations in

Early last month Judge Lance Los Angeles reported yesterday packing on Monday morning. Carl Douglas, the only member and boredom, cut off from the world in their un-named hotel. of the Simpson team to reach They returned from a group boat trip "barking at the seals". the court in time to hear they had reached a decision, said: As far back as March there were "Surprised doesn't begin to dereports of bitter intighting.
In the end their overwhelmscribe my feelings. I am stunned at the speed."

The case involved 126 witnesses and filled 40,000 pages of trial transcript. But the jury reached a verdict on double-murder charges in about four hours. It led to some speculation that they had broken one of the cardinal rules of the jury room, which was not to discuss the case with each other

tirely wrong. It hinted that they were as sick of the case as they were of each other's company.

And it suggested that the high drama of the last week, in which the chief prosecutor, Marcia Clark, spoke of the victims calling for justice with their hair and blood, and the defence attorney, Johnnie Cochran, appealed to racial

The jury consisted of eight black women and one black man, two white women and one Hispanic man. Most commentators focused on race, and gender was largely overlooked. It er, she said in jury selection she "never heard of no OJ Simp son" and never read anything "except the horse sheet". The two white women were

a 22-year-old insurance claims adjuster and a 60-year-old divorcee. She was reported to be the only one to look at OJ Simp-

One dismissed juror compared life under sequestration to a chain gang. Members were woken at 5.30am, and were allowed to talk to each other only in the corridor or the cafeteria. They were banished alone

## 'Dream team' put police in frame

The issue of race split OJ Simp-son's own defence team in the last days of the trial, writes Tim Cornwell. Johnnie Cochran's bodyguards from the radical black Nation of Islam, and his comparison of the leading pros-ecution witness, Mark ecution witness, Mark Fuhrman, to Adolf Hitler, unsettled his Jewish colleague,

Robert Shapiro. But the "dream team", whose costs, estimated at several million dollars, will probably be eclipsed by the money their client can earn now that he has been acquitted, delivered a powerful twin-track defence. They fiercely attacked technical evidence while portraying Mr Simpson as the victim of a

racist frame-up. The defence produced blue-chip forensic experts and criminologists like Michael Badon and Henry Lee. At the same time they found the screenwriter, Laura Hart McKinny, who tape-recorded Mr Fuhrman's racist language and stories of planting evidence and

They were drawn mostly from a coterie of Los Angeles lawyers who shared a list of celebrity defendants. Mr Shapiro, 43, at Marion Brando's side, pulled off a 10-year voluntary manslaughter deal for Mr Brando's son Christian, who was accused of murder. He His law firm has collected \$40m

He shared the leadership of the team with Mr Cochran whose own client list included Michael Jackson (referred by Elizabeth Taylor), the rapper Snoop Doggy Dogg, accused of a drive-by murder, and Reginald Denny, the white trucker who was nearly beaten to death in

the 1992 Los Angeles riots. Mr Cochran, 56, was a long time friend of Mr Simpson, though before he was hired he worked as a television commentator. He has specialised in turning on courtroom passion for minority defendants, and his oratory supposedly reduced one Simpson juror to tears. the Los Angeles police department and other government bodies.

The nine-member defence team also included the legendary counsel F Lee Bailey. But in his much-hyped cross-ex-amination of Mr Fuhrman, Mr Bailey failed to shake the detective's composure.
Instead the relatively un-

known New York attorney Barry Schenk took the role of Mr Cochran's sidekick.

His repeated interruptions of the summing-up by the chief prosecutor, Marcia Clark, earned him the ire of Judge Lance Ito, who told him twice

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quick dash to judgment The jury appeared to prove nated the trial of a black male virtually all the vaunted legal ex- hero. The eldest on the panel perts, who agreed there would was 71, a retired cleaner, mar-

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# The tendency to moralise, the appetite for trash

Believe it or not, as the word ish extravaganza, where life testimony and abstruse points "unique" again becomes the has first imitated and then surmost overworked word in the American language, we have been here before. It was 1935, year of the first and - for connoisseurs - the enduring Trial of the Century, when Bruno Hauptmann was convicted of the kidnap and murder of the baby son of the aviator Charles Lindbergh who, unlike Orenthal James Simpson, truly then was

the most famous man alive. When the similarly sequestered jury produced its verdict 60 years ago, 6,000 people, including Jack Benny, Ford Madox Ford, Damon Runyon and 400 less celebrated hacks were on hand in the tiny New Jersey town of Flemington, while an AP reporter scooped the world from the courtroom with a radio microphone. Now

passed art, amid utter media abandon.

Stripped to its essentials, the OJ trial has been a poor-quality television soap opera run amok: in the words of Lance Morrow, the resident essayist of Time magazine this week, "a perfect demonstration of how the American tendency to moralise has gone into partnership with the American appetite for trash". Into this mix might also be stirred the country's love-hate relationship with the law, and the over-

arching power of television.
Indubitably, the interests of brevity and legal manners would have been better served by keeping the camera out of the courtroom, The reckoning is not all bad: Americans have we are live from LA, in the age
of the global village. But the
principle is unchanged: a gar-

of procedure, discussed in countless attorney huddles. which are the stuff of any trial.

But in the Simpson saga television, supreme adjudicator of fame and fortune in the contemporary US, has turned justice into a circus. Defence and prosecution lawyers alike have danced to its tune, pitching their case as much to the general public as to the 12 jurors whose views were ultimately the only ones that mattered.

As murder cases go, the State of California vs OJ Simpson is pretty routine, apart from the identity of the defendant. Without television, it would have been over in two months, not nine. Television has exposed the bloated business of celebrity law in its full self-important silliness -not just the strutting, hot-shot defence attorneys but the parasites who flourish in a system **Rupert Cornwell** studies what the trial reveals about a nation's soul

easily displaces common sense: the witness coaches, the highly-paid consultants who have "experts" of every hue. Alas, the market is there.

Three cable networks, CNN. Court TV and the El (Entertainment) channel, ran gavel-to-gavel coverage, with CNN reporting a fivefold jump in ratmes from the Before-OJ era en news consisted of mere trivialities like Bosnia, Haiti and the massacres in Rwanda. Once it began, the Trial was always there - if not live, then via replays of key testimony and the incessant chatter of rent-amouth lawyers, all blurring into

And it must be said. OJ outsoaped the soaps. The case paid consultants who have turned jury selection into a small industry, and sundry other der. It could be scored from the armchair, like a football game, Occasionally it would yield pride of place to great events in the world beyond - the Republican sweep of Congress, the Oklahoma City bombing and the continuing agony of Bosnia. But each would subside, and the Simpson case took over the American consciousness again, hypnotic and (as someone remarked of the French) bot-

> With the possible exception of the Gulf War, America has not had a tonic of conversation to match it since the Kennedy assassination. Since January,

tomless in its superficiality.

minutes of coverage on ABC, corpses of Nicole Brown Simp-CBS and NBC prime-time news son and Ronald Goldman. "Ân than Bosnia and Oklahoma important news event," said combined, and 13 times as much as the debate on Medithe paper, which refused to specify how much it had paid, care - whose outcome truly will and to whom, for its scoop. affect the lives of every Amer-Which leads to the other vilican. It has been meat and drink for hundreds - make that lain of the piece: money. The

trial and its spin-offs like books,

souvening and the higher televi-

host, has lived off it, and so have sion advertising rates it generated, are reckoned to equal the GDP of a middle-sized Central his imitators. Throughout, Gresham's law has operated to American nation. Nor is it over: perfection. The bad has conjurors will sell their memoirs for sistently driven out the good, and just when it seemed it small fortunes (though at least they've earned them), while the bidding for "exclusives" will reach the stratosphere: "You couldn't get any tackier, it did. During that earlier festival of bad taste, the Lindbergh trial, one reporter prised the tiny cofname it, we'll top it," as one telefin open to photograph the decayed remains of the 20vision producer put it this week. Hence the hype, essential to keep up the ratings which pay for it all. Hence the psychobabble about the "defining event of the month-old baby. Six decades later, the Globe tabloid has provided an equally tawdry footnote to the Simpson case by 1990s", and a "Shakespearean

thousands - of talk shows. Larry

King, CNN's star chat-show

publishing crime scene photos drama" featuring "the Othello of the hacked and bloody of the 20th century".

In fact the OJ case, unlike the Lindbergh affair which generates controversy to this day, may be quickly forgotten. The trial has been less tragedy than farce, a spectacle defining nothing except the blindingly obvious, that race is an enduring prob-lem in the US, and that the human species likes to be entertained.

Looking back on 15 lunatic months, the character who best conveys their flavour is not Johnnie Cochran, Judge Lance Ito, Marcia Clark or the gen-uinely tragic figure of Fred Goldman, the victim's father. nor even the Moor of Rockingham Avenue himself - but a vapid failed actor and Simpson house guest called Brian "Kato" Kaelin. A few days in the witness box last spring briefly made him the most famous man in America. Kato who?

## OJ blinks into the daylight of an uncertain future

RUPERT CORNWELL Washington DAVID USBORNE

The freshly acquitted OJ Simpson returned one last time to Los Angeles County Jail, to collect his personal items, undergo a quick formal check of his record – and walk into a future that is completely uncertain.

Technically the former football star is free, but he is unlikely to quickly shake off the case which for more than 15 months has transfixed and polarized the United States. His personal life surely will remain in almost unbearable turmoil. Civil lawsuits for "wrongful death" are outstanding from the families of his former-wife Nicole Simpson and of Ronald Goldman, while he must confront the fraught matter of custody of Sidney, 10, and Justin, 7, his two children by Nicole. They are presently being cared for by Nicole's mother was murdered by their.

Whether the suits go forward remains to be seen. But if they do, the problems for Simpson will be considerable. A civil case requires only that "a preponderance of the evidence" proves his involvement in the murders, instead of the stricter "beyond a reasonable doubt" that state prosecutors Marcia Clark and Chris Darden failed to demonstrate in the trial which ended

Defending civil suits, and meeting the heavy damages which might result, would be expensive - even for a man once worth \$10m and now stands to make millions more by telling his side of the story.

Professionally, OJ Simpson's days as a football commentator and commercial pitchman for

Hertz rental cars - or any other product - are surely done. Whatever the court verdict, polls show 65 per cent of the country, and an even higher per-centage of whites, believe he is a murderer.

At least though he is is not destined for the poor house. Although the cost of his all-star defence team is reckoned to have virtually consumed his previous fortune, other income sources beckon. One possibility, already studied by advisers, is a pay-per-view TV show in which



Running back: the perfect US hero Photograph: Alisport

Simpson expounds his innocence. Another book may be in the works. From a San Francisco sium

to the pinnacle of sporting success. OJ Simpson's journey made him the perfect American hero. So dazzling were his accomplishments and so flawless his public image, little notice was taken of the traumas that marked his private life. Not un-til 13 June 1994, that is. Born on 9 July 1947 in the

working-class Portero Hill section of San Francisco, Orenthal James Simpson had a difficult childhood. His parents split when he was tiny and by his teens he was running with a local gang called the "Persian Warriors". Because of a calcitim deficiency, he was forced to wear leg braces. His nickname then was not the "Juice", but

At the University of South

California, Mr Simpson became the first college football player to make it to the cover of [italics]Sports Illustrated, At 15 stone and 6ft lin, he was snapped up by the Buffalo Bills where, as a running back, he won the affection of all of America with his astonishing power and ability to dodge ackles. For black Americans especially he became a new kind of sporting role model.

And Mr Simpson, with his

good looks, ready smile and efsive sense of humour, seemed impossibly nice. He was the one e would visit kids in hospital or step out to shake hands in the crowd.

of in 10 dilines stating with the h Towering Inferno in 1974 and in-cluding three Naked Gun comedies. After his retirement from the field in 1984, he became an NBC sportscaster. His personal life was less

smooth, however. In 1979 he was divorced from Marguerite, who complained that she had been "shoved out of the way" by her husband's new-found fame. Shortly before the divorce was completed, tragedy struck the couple when their 23month-old daughter, Aaren, died after drowning in a swim-

ming pool.

Mr Simpson began dating Nicole Simpson in 1977, when she was still a schoolgiri, and lavished her with a luxurious lifestyle. They married in 1985 and had two children, Sydney and Justin.



Uncertain future: OJ may be free but he is unlikely to shake the case that has transfixed and polarised the United States

## Silence, a sharp intake of breath and disbelief

"YEEES!" "It's a joke" simultaneously burst out.

For 20 minutes, 16 men and two women had crouched over a tiny black-and-white television at the French Quarter Diner on Santa Monica Boulevard in Los Angeles. Piped music was cut, coffee got cold and tills were abandoned as everyone waited for the OJ Simpson verdict. "Sesh" greeted every footstep

as Judge Lance Ito's face came up on screen. "Oh my God, I'm so confused." Beth Dara, 34, said. "I know what I think, but I don't know what they'll say." "Shut it," hissed her neigh-

"Say something, say some-thing," pleaded Jack Adrian as the jury forewoman checked the verdict. Suddenly the silence was broken as a vacuum cleaner started up next door. The diners turned as one to bellow Shudduo!"

Then the verdict was announced and everyone drew tharp breaths, disbelief on many faces. "It's sick. Money talks. doesn't it?" Dennis Charvez, 36. and When you think of the American money that has been spent on this trial when LA has meh problems with homelessness and disease."

"But the jury were right," said Freddie Salacar. "There's been

so much hype, but they saw Roy Kinney, a server at the

Glenda Cooper joins the throngs who gathered by the TV in America

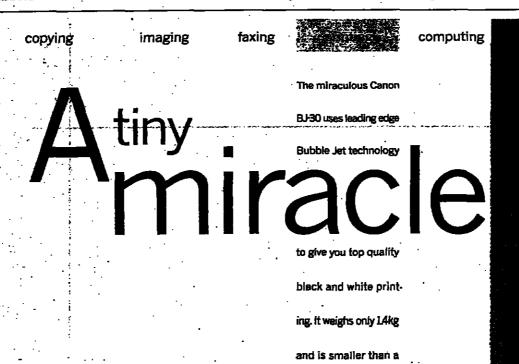
diner, disagreed. "The jury think he is guilty but just can't find enough proof. That's why they wouldn't meet his eyes on Monday. And calling np Allan Park's testimony - that was meant to tell him they knew."

Mr Salacar turned away from the set and what had been predicted as "the most viewed event in daytime television history". He shrugged: "It doesn't really affect my life, though, and I think it's been taken way too seriously. Yes, waiting for the verdict has been exciting, but at the end of the day it's just the

trial of one man." "No, it's more than that," Mr Kinney said. "The lawyers turned it into a matter of race. They took the focus off whether he was guilty or innocent and turned it into whether you felt

the police were racist or not." Jeremiah Walker, a taxi driver, agreed. "This trial has all been a load of crap, hasn't it? It's been twisted from the beginning. I just hope [the police] are watching."

Then the piped music came back on, and Mr Kinney asked "So who did kill Nicole and



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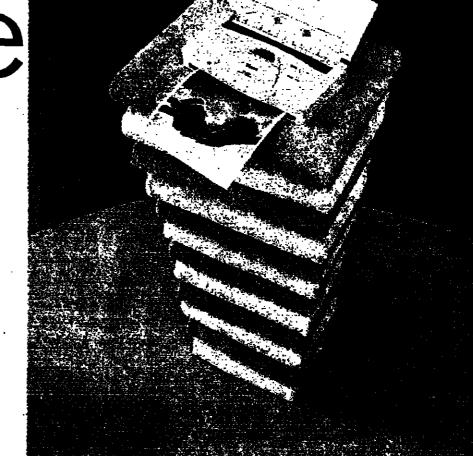
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## Police urged to get tough on beggars

Home Affairs Correspondent

Police and voluntary workers are to be urged to get tough with vagrants, drunks and beggars, in an attempt to clean up the

The Government is reviewing vagrancy and other laws to see if police have sufficient powers to deal with aggressive beggars. At the same time it is planning to set targets for hostels and out-reach workers to get long-term and needy homeess into accommodation and treatment centres.

The proposals come just a month after Jack Straw, the shadow Home Secretary, ran into controversy when he said there should be more effort to clear the streets of aggressive car windscreen cleaners, graffiti artists, beggars, drunks and

They were spelled out in the 70-page consultation document yesterday, which said: "Those

who intimidate others or who at-tempt fraudulently to procure charitable contributions must the charity for homeless young people, said: "The success of the scheme has depended upon charitable contributions must expect to be prosecuted. Begging is distressing for members of the public and visitors alike."

The moves form part of a planned extension to the Government's Rough Sleeping Inihomelessness programme that has succeeded in reducing the numbers sleeping on London's years ago to about 270 now. But while continued funding

for the programme was yesterday welcomed by welfare groups and charities, there were concerns about the proposal to "get tough" with those who are determined to remain on the

The Government paper reveals that as many as half of problems off the streets. them are heavy drinkers, around one-third mentally ill and one in six on drugs. Yesterday Sarah Moseley, a

spokeswoman for Centrepoint,

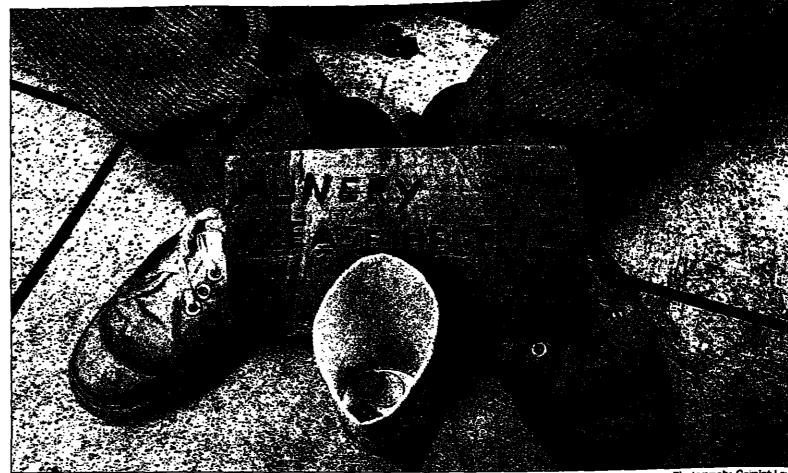
close co-operation between police, the voluntary agencies and the homeless themselves. To suddenly start forcing people off the streets and into accommo-

clear that ministers do not believe that resorting to the crimstreet from more than 1,000 six inal law offers a long term it would only form one part of "multi-agency campaign" to

productive.'

It invites views on more effective outreach and resettlement work and the provision of wet" shelters – hostels where alcohol can be drunk, an incentive to get those with drink

The paper also requests inauthorities and others outside central London to see if its suc-



gging such as this in Leicester Square, central London, may be outlawed by new legislation

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MPs' conduct: Fresh revelations from Parliamentary insiders

## Party whips **'manipulated** by lobbyists'

Vestminster Correspondent

MPs and lobbyists yesterday concurred with a description of tactics used by lobbyists to influence the Commons committees that consider legislation, revealed in the Independent.

Stephen Byers MP, a Labour whip, said the system was vulnerable because in deciding who to put on standing committees which amend proposed egislation, whips looked at who had spoken on a Bill's second eading. An MP's chances of beng selected for the committee, crease by a factor of 10°, said Mr Byers, if he or she had shown an interest in the Bill by speaking on the floor of the

At a private conference on Monday, Michael Burrell, managing director of Westminster Strategy, Britain's largest lobbying consultancy, guided mem-bers of his profession and executives from major compa-nies and organisations through tactics which can be used.

These included, Mr Burrell said, ensuring friendly MPs dis-guise their support of a client's position during the second reading of a Bill in the Commons. Speaking at that stage brings MPs to the attention of the whips, who select them for the committee. Once selected, they were more able to support the client's interests. Mr Burrell acknowledged this was a

"Machiavellian" practice. Insiders did not doubt this occurred. Typically, said a senior lobbyist who is also a Tory activist, the whips will be faced with six committee seats to fill from their party. "They will choose four who are straight up

and will do what they are told. one whose mind is in another direction and another in the op-

posite direction." The whips are not averse to Machiavellian behaviour themselves. On the Government side, said the Tory lobbyist, they "will want people on the committee to raise peripheral subjects to mask the real issues, so they will make sure they choose one or two people guaranteed to put up a smoke-

Mr Byers said that from his own experience he knew lobbyists concentrated on standing committees - even before their composition had been decided. When he spoke against the recent Gas Bill - not for any particular lobbying interest but because he had a research station in his constituency which was threatened and he feared low users might end up paying higher tariffs – he was surprised to find how he was approached by political lobbyists and also by the independent gas suppliers themselves on the basis that he would be selected for

the standing committee. A lobbyist from another firm said getting a supporter on to a standing committee was easier than many people might imagine because MPs were not always keen to serve on them and places can go begging.

On a Bill affecting its clients his firm would encourage its MP contacts to speak. He did not draw the line at getting them to say one thing and then say another once in the committee room - the prize of a voice on the committee, he said, easily justified such a ruse.

## Talking shelves are cool for cats

JONATHAN FOSTER

Supermarket shelves will this month begin speaking to shoppers through new marketing technology expected to send cat food sales through the roof, and those of a delicate disposition barking mad.

Any hapless trolley-pusher straying close to a Spillers product will hear voices from stacks of inanimate cans. Psychiatrists may later doubt the accounts, but victims from Peterhead to Newquay will swear they distinctly heard the shelf say: "In-dulge your loved one with a can of new Spillers Purrfect. But re-

member, it's just for cats." The marketing campaign, to be introduced at 60 Somerfield supermarkets, will not provide jobs for unemployed ac-tors. Instead, pioneering Belgian technology devised a small box equipped with customer radar which begins broadcasting the message from behind an illus-

tration of a replete pet.
Spillers decided it was time for cat food tins to break their silence after an outbreak of anthropomorphic thinking seized its marketing department.

The rationale for the new range is simple: human eating habits are changing, explained Richard Hodgson, senior brand manager. People eat fewer traditional "heavy" meals, more quiries.

light, spicy meals. Consumption of red meats is decreasing as late 20th century mantums to white meats and fish. Therefore, cat food should reflect those

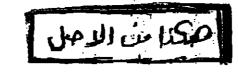
changes in eating habits. The logic is compelling: next. pine kernel and aubergine roast for the dog, and pasta with fresh basil for the goldfish.

The Purrfect range is being promoted through television advertisements in which a man mistakes the cat's dinner for his own. Recipes include salmon in prawn jelly or chicken in a savoury sauce, available at 49p for a 400g can from the talking

supermarket. Belgian shoppers have already proved obedient to "vox box" promotions. Yoghurt and hair care shelves regularly address monologues to customers. Over on toilet rolls, the Andrex puppy yaps in Prench and Flemish: "Why don't you take me home this weekend?

Why the weekend is the time when Belgians are more inclined to use toilet paper remains a mystery, but Belgian bottoms were subsequently treated to 300 per cent more Andrex tissue.

British manufacturers can hardly wait to participate in the retailing bonanza. Jon Cooper, of Instore Marketing, said he had been inundated with in-



IN BRIEF

of 'chilling abuse' A mother murdered her daughter, poisoned another and seri-

ously injured a third in "a chilling catalogue of child abuse". Nottingham Crown Court was told yesterday. Celia Beckett, 34, of Newark, Nottinghamshire, is accused of

killing four-year-old daughter Tracey in 1986; causing fatal brain damage to another daughter, Clare, in 1984, when she was five months old; and poisoning a third daughter,

Debbie, and causing her cruelty. The jury heard the case rep-

resented a catalogue of errors by social services and police.

Beckett denies all the charges

and says the children helped

themselves to her anti-depres-

sant drugs. The case continues,

Paul Hickson, 48, the Olympic

swimming coach jailed for 17

years last week for sex attacks on young girl swimmers, is to ap-

peal against the sentence and

Actress Mollie Harris, for 25

vears the voice of Martha

Woodford in The Archers radio soap opera, died aged 82. She had been suffering from cancer,

a BBC spokesman said. Obituary, page 16

may challenge his conviction.

'Archers' star dies

Hickson to appeal

### WILL BENNETT

The trial of Rosemary West on 10 murder charges began in Winchester yesterday amid huge media interest but with the people of the ancient Hampshire city taking all the fuss in

The prosecution will not open its case against Mrs West, 41, nntil at least Friday and possibly

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next week because of legal sub-missions being made to Mr Jus-the segregation wing. She will tice Mantell, the trial judge.

Dozens of photographers and television camera crew were outside Winchester Crown Court yesterday as Mrs West arrived in a police van escorted by three motorcycle outsiders after a two-minute journey from the city's prison. She is being held in the prison in a special

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stood with her hands clasped in front of her as the jury was told that she was pleading not guilty to 10 charges of murder, alleged to have been committed between 1971 and 1987. The first charge read out by

be allowed to have visits from her family and lawyers during

A jury of eight men and four

women was sworn in in the

bland, modern surroundings of

court three, where the trial,

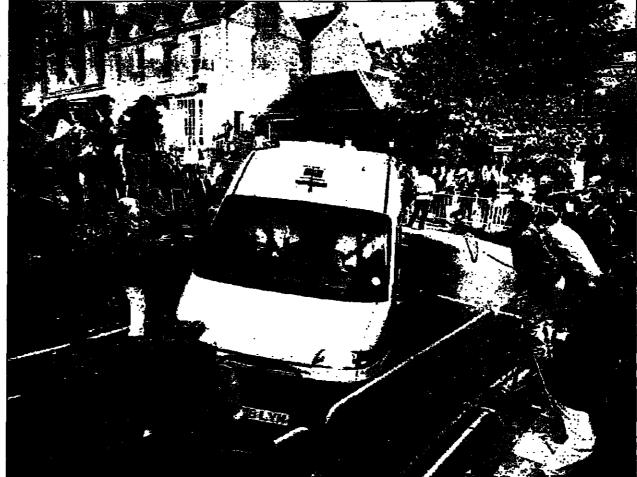
which is expected to last up to eight weeks, is taking place. Mrs West, of Gloucester,

the trial.

Angela Merridale, the court clerk, was that she had murdered Charmaine West, eight, the daughter of her husband's first wife, Rena, and the last alleged that she had murdered her own eldest daughter Heather West, 16, who was last seen alive in 1987.

Standing between two female prison warders, Mrs West, a mother of seven, did not speak a word. She looked straight ahead and glanced occasionally at the members of the jury.
Mrs West has faced the

charges alone since her husband, Frederick West, a builder, hanged himself in his prison cell in Birmingham last New Year's



Media focus: A police van bringing Mrs West, below, to Winchester Crown Court yesterday Photograph: Paul Bates

The remains of pine of the girls and young women who Mrs West is accused of murdering were found at 25 Cromwell Street, Gloucester, the West's house, early last year and those of Charmaine West were dis-

covered at a previous home of theirs, at 25 Midland Road, Mr Justice Mantell told the jury yesterday: "This is a case defende which has attracted a certain son QC.

amount of publicity, it is going to attract more." He said that they must clear their minds of all prejudice.

The jury was then sent away from the court until at least Friday while the judge hears legal submissions from barristers. The case for the prosecution is being led by Brian Leveson QC, while Mrs West is being defended by Richard Fergu-

However, the case was adjourned yesterday afternoon until tomorrow. One of the reasons for this is that Mr Leveson, a devout Jew, wishes to observe Yom Kippur, the Jewish day of atonement, today.

The Crown Prosecution Service said yesterday that Mr Justice Manteli would hear other matters today and denied that the court would be losing a day's



# Roller-blade alert

The Westminster coroner called for stricter controls on rollerbladers after the death of a cyclist. A verdict of accidental death was recorded on Mark Welch, 26, of Shepherd's Bush, west London, who collided with a skater in Hyde Park.

### Chess solution

Councillors in the Western Isles conceded defeat in the battle for the world's most expensive chess set and agreed to the return the 800-year-old Lewis Chessmen, valued at £1m each, to the British Museum and the National Museum of Scotland.



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## Sex abuse charge dropped after 'victim' is found hanged

### ALAN MURDOCH

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Dublin

The alleged victim of child abuse involving a Catholic cler-ic has killed himself, an Irish court was told yesterday.

A charge of sex abuse against Joseph Scally, 60, based at the headquarters of the De la Salle order at Castletown in Port

Northern Ireland after the court heard the alleged victim had hanged himself 10 days ago.

man now aged 30 who committed suicide. The new charges came as the Irish Director of

Mr Scally, who worked at a children's home in the Ards Peninsula in Co Down, faced two new charges. He was accused of buggery of two boys under 16 between January 1971 and May 1979.

He appeared in court earli-Laois, in the Irish Republic er this year charged with five teenage box on 15 occasions magistrates' court in Co Down, dropped yesterday concerned a mary 1989. The priest's solici- cases involving children under a single legal agency should of implementing the criminal also of the suspect.

Public Prosecutions defended his office against claims that prosecution rates in sex abuse cases were unjustifiably low.

Meanwhile, at Galway circuit court in the Irish Republic, a 40year-old priest was charged with indecent assault against a

tor requested the trial be moved to Dublin. The application was not opposed by the State Solicitor. The accused cannot be named for legal reasons.

In a rare public statement yesterday, Eamonn Barnes, the Irish Republic's Director of Public Prosecutions, rejected politicians' claims of an extraordinarily low rate of prosecution of such offences, and a

the age of seven. Mr Barnes complained of an "absurd duplication" of legal functions between his agency - in which he and 10 legal assistants process 8,000 legal cases annually – and the State Solicitors, who take over cases at the

prosecution stage in Ireland. He said the division meant "I have, in short, little or no control over the implementation of ecisions", and argued that

oversee cases from start to fin- law. That is particularly true in ish, reducing delays and costs. He added that while a social worker might believe sex abuse had occurred, other key consid-

child was old enough to give evidence, and the time-lapse between an alleged offence and a case being brought.

Denying slowness in initiatio: "We are in the business

the horrible crime of sex abuse. Anyone with a grain of humanity in them would give a little bit extra effort in the erations included whether a prosecution of those crimes." Mr Barnes warned: "You

must always remember justice is even-handed. You must always have regard for the interests not alone of the victim, ing prosecutions, he told Irish and the interests of the victim

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# Fans cry foul as United cash in

TOM STEVENSON and JOHN McKIE

Manchester United fans, already upset by the transfers over the summer of some of their star players, were dealt another blow yesterday when the club unveiled soaring revenue from its widely criticised merchandising operation.

United recorded sales of £23.5m from kit, videos and other gear emblazoned with their colours in the year to July, up from £14.2m in 1994. Five years ago the club sold just £2m from merchandising. The increased revenue from these sales helped the publicly quoted company that owns the club to double its profits from £10.8m last year to £20m.

Football clubs have come under fire for the money they make selling team strips, which change every couple of years. Critics say clubs prey on fash-ion-conscious children and their hapless parents. Manchester United have three different designs to tempt youngsters, cov-

ering home and away matches. This summer saw a 13 per cent increase in ticket prices and the sale of three of the club's stars, Mark Hughes, Paul Ince and Andrei Kanchelskis.

Andy Walsh, secretary of the Independent Manchester United Supporters' Association, said yesterday: "It's a scandal. They promised us there was going to be a freeze on prices for two years. They're pricing the ordinary fan out the market. Last year, to follow them home and away, cost £3,000. To take my son to two home games and an away game in Sheffield cost more than £100."

The association's vice-chairman, Johnny Flacks, added: "In the past five years, there's been a 300 per cent increase in prices. Manchester United used to pride themselves on being one. of the cheapest clubs in the country but now they're one of the most expensive outside London."

gate receipts with advertising

and merchandising activities. None, however, makes as much

Martia Edwards, chief exec-

utive, defended the soaring rev-

cause yesterday, pointing out that the biggest-selling shirt

size last year had been extra

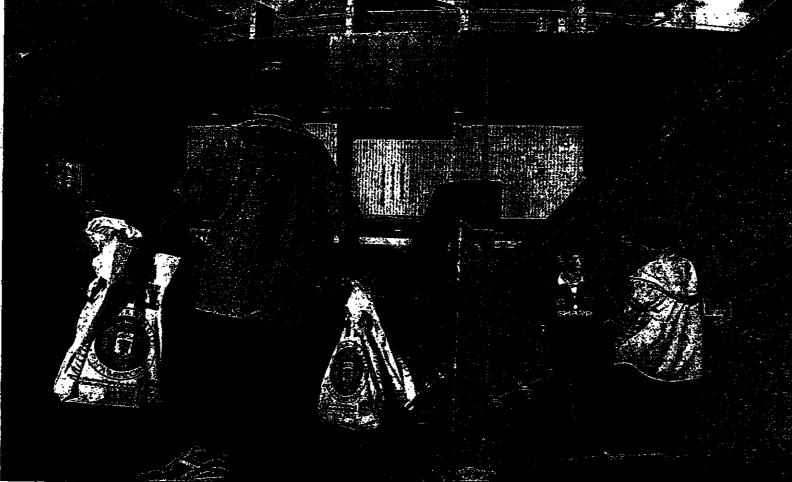
large. Football kit was anyway

as Manchester United.

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The growth in profits came despite a traumatic 1994-95 season for the club in which it failed to win a major competition, finishing as runner-up in both the Premiership and FA

All clubs now supplement extremely hard-wearing and so



Strip search: Young fans stock up with new season merchandising and, below, some of the recent kit

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new kit each year,"

Photograph: Howard Barlow



good value, he suggested, and he defended the decision to proassure fans: "We won't be having a new kit for the rest of this duce the variety of kit. He said the club was adopting an "en-ergetic" merchandising ap-

Merchandising overtook gate receipts and programme sales proach. "We have three kits in last year as Manchester United's biggest revenue earner and it progression, a first, a second and a third strip and they all have a now represents almost 40 per two-year cycle, and so there's a cent of the club's sales. Following United's doublewinning run in the 1993-94 sea-Mr Edwards attempted to re-



son, gate receipts also increased, up a tenth to £19.6m. Turnstile takings were boosted by an inflation-beating 13 per cent ticket price rise which had

been repeated this season. Mr Edwards said the planned increase of Old Trafford's capacity to 55,000 by the end of the season, up from 44,000,



et price increases. The North stand at United's ground is currently being rebuilt at a cost of £19m. Elsewhere, increased revenues from television fees, sponsorship and royalties and conference and catering income, combined with a jump in net transfer fees, helped double

## Army suffering from shortage of front-line troops

Defence Correspondent

The Army is facing a serious shortage of front-line soldiers in spite of the multi-million pound recruiting campaign which began a year ago, and despite reductions in its overall size and the "Front Line First" review intended to shift more soldiers to combat units.

The infantry, which should have 24,000 soldiers, is 1,200 – 5 per cent – under strength and the 2,000-strong Parachute Regiment more than 10 per cent. The Royal Armoured Corps. who drive tanks, and the Roy-al Artillery, who fire big guns.

the other principal "teeth arms", are also short of soldiers in the ranks. But the Engineers, Signals, Logistics Corps and other technical arms are over-recruited. And the next three courses for officer cadets. destined for command appointments in all parts of the

Army, at Sandburst are all full. Senior officers believe the shortage of recruits in the key fighting arms is due to the higher entry qualifications now required, and the fact that people with the necessary abilities favour branches of the Army that will give them technical qualifications they can use when

they leave the service. In addition to social changes, they also blame parents who pressurise their sons and daughters not to join units that are perceived to be more dangerous.

Next year, the Army is due to reduce to 117,000 troops, and its actual strength is expected to be 1,000 short overall. It could force soldiers who signed up for the support arms to serve in the infantry, tanks or artillery, but

is most reluctant to do so. The shortage is particularly serious because 32 per cent of the Army is currently on active service - in Bosnia, Northern Ireland, or Cyprus - training for them, or resting afterwards. The Army is having to meet

commitment on a "peacetime" basis - without any of the reservists who would reinforce it in "war". So it has had to bolster units in Bosnia with soldiers from other regiments.

A senior Army officer said changes in education and social organisation were partly responsible for the imbalance.

He added: "We don't need the 'grunt' infantryman any more. We're looking at the person who is happy in the field. with all the night vision equipment, laser rangefinders, and

## IRA prisoners fight ʻunlawful' visit rules

The Home Secretary, Michael Howard, was yesterday accused at the High Court of unlawfully denying IRA prisoners the right to proper contact with their families and lawyers the third time in a week government treatment of IRA terrorists has come under court scrutiny, writes Heather Mills.

Following the attempted IRA breakout from Whitemoor top security jail in Cambridgeshire last September, the Prison Service introduced "closed visits" prisoners divided from visitors by Investment column, page 22 a glass screen - for all inmates

seen as an "exceptional risk". Yesterday two IRA prisoners, Michael O'Brien, serving 18 years for attempted murder, and Liam O'Duibhuir, jailed for 30 years for conspiracy to cause explosions, claimed the moves breached their rights to unfettered access to a lawyer. Edward Fitzgerald QC, for the two men, further argued that the right to some form of physical contact with close family was the "irreducible minimum? any civilised society should provide.

The Government is contest-

You close your laptop. You push back your seat and adjust your footrest. A taste of Brie. A sip of Bordeaux.

You turn the sound up a notch and hope you won't be arriving too soon.

# Blair offers vision of a new young Britain

## We are the patriotic party of the people'

Parliamentary Correspondent

Tony Blair yesterday portrayed Labour as the "patriotic party", wanting to build a united Britain, where politics is not fought by appealing to one sec-tion of the nation at the expense

In a speech of just over an hour, very well received by the Brighton conference, the Labour leader said he would devote to creating the country of the post-war generation's

He wanted to build a "new and young country" that lay aside the old prejudices. "One Britain ... where your child in distress is my child, your parent ill and in pain is my parent, your friend unemployed and helpless is my friend, your neighbour my neighbour. That is the true patriotism of a nation.

Declaring Labour to be the patriotic party because it was the party of the people, Mr Blair said he knew what many people would be thinking as the Tories waved their Union Flags next week in Blackpool: "It is no good waving the fabric of our flag when you have spent 16 years tearing apart the fabric of

our nation. He never mentioned John Major by name and questioned the survival of the NHS and free state education if the Tories were returned for a fifth term.

The Liberal Democrats did not feature at all, but he said Labour would co-operate with others on constitutional change. There would be legislation in the first year for a Scottish parliament and a Welsh assembly. London should have a directly-elected authority and the right of hereditary peers to sit in the House of Lords would be ended as the first step to reTelling unions to "leave the battles of the past". Mr Blair said laws on ballots, peaceful picketing and the conduct of disputes would stay. But he reaffirmedLabour's commitment to sign the European Social Chapter on workers' rights and drew loud applause for his opposition to rail privatisation.

"To anyone thinking of grabbing our railways, built up over the years, so they can make a quick profit as our network is broken up and sold off, I say this: There will be a publiclyowned, and publicly accountable railway system under a Labour government.'

Acknowledging that the tran-sition to "new Labour" had been painful for some, Mr Blair said that socialism to him was never about nationalisation or the power of the state. It was a moral purpose in life.

"It is how I try to live my life. The simple truths. I am worth no more than anyone else. I am my brother's keeper. I will not walk by on the other side." People were not set in isolation from each other but members of the same family, the same

"This is my socialism. And the irony of our long years in opposition is that those values are shared by the vast majority of the British people."

Mr Blair said he did not enter politics to change the Labour Party but to change his country. "And I honestly believe that if we hadn't changed, if we had not returned our party to its values, freed from the weight of outdated ideology, we could not change the country.

"For I do not want a oneterm Labour government that dazzles for a moment then ends in disillusion. I want a Labour government that governs for a generation and changes Britain for good."



Party platform: Tony Blair, the Labour leader, addresses the conference in Brighton yesterday

been born into the welfare state and the market economy of bank accounts, supermarkets, jeans and cars. They had money in their pockets, had travelled broad and had been through

the sexual revolution of the "This generation, my generation, enjoys a thousand material advantages over any suffer a depth of insecurity and

children abused." In a key section, he stressed

the importance of education as the best economic policy. The future lay in the marriage of education and technology, he said. "We will never compete on the basis of a low wage, sweat shop economy." Knowledge was power, information was opportunity, and technology could make it happen.

He announced to the con-

Setting the background to his knew." The family was weak-call for a "young Britain", Mr Blair said his generation had elderly people in fear of crime. The family was weak-cable entertainment market — child had access to a laptop denied them by the Govern-computer. ment - the company would connect up every college, hos-pital and library in Britain for free as it built the cable network.

They get the chance to win new markets. The nation gets the chance to succeed. That is what I mean by new Labour, that kind of co-operation."

He said David Blunkett, the party's education spokesman, would be opening discussions with education authorities and Photograph: John Voos

Avoiding the contentious words 'grant-maintained schools', he said there would be no more dogma in education and no more arguments about structures. "For every school, fair and equal funding. No re-turn to selection, academic or

Labour would be the champion of standards for the 21st century. There would be a nursery place for every three and

less than 30 for every five, six

and seven year old.

Mr Blair said no-one pretended Labour could solve unemployment overnight, but no decent society could tolerate the present level of long-term un-employment with all the misery and social breakdown it brought. -

"So we will take the excess profits of the new robber barons of Tory Britain in the privatised utilities, and use it for the most radical programme of work and education for the unemployed

as pal

Austin Mitchell MP: "It was like a revivalist sermon. Well done, a very moralistic performance.

Audrey Wise, left-wing MP: "It is a speech I will keep by me as a reference point. It implied a very large commitment.

Brian Mawhinney, Tory Party chairman: "This was a recycled speech from a leader who admitted that his party is no more than a recycled version of Labour in 1945 and 1964." Hannah Wood, of Lewisham south-east London, 22, dismissed

the promise of proper access to a laptop computer. "Proper access to a decent diet is a high-Alan Johnson, joint general sec-

retary, Communication Workers Union: It was the most inspirational political speech for a generation."

A member of the National Executive Committee said: "Tony has said he loves the party. That is the new thing in this speech."

Jeremy Corbyn, left-wing MP: "A deal with BT is not the same as taking privatised industries back into public ownership."

Rodney Bickerstaffe, leader of the public service union Unison:

He was very strong on patriotism and I am delighted he mentioned his commitment to a minimum wage".

Garry Meyer, of Hove, East Sus-sex, 31, said: "I am not disappointed, but what he should be doing is trying to force a general election by campaigning on some issues like a fixed figure on a minimum wage.'

Jerry Hayes, Conservative MP for Harlow: "It was a masterly exercise in virtual reality with the rallying cry that every child should have access to a laptop

## Media diversion from star's crowd

It was like a rerun of that old Vick's Synex advert featuring Malcolm and his blocked nose. At 6pm yesterday, everywhere in the Brighton conference cen-tre people were tearing off in search of televisions, asking the question of anyone they passed: "What's the verdict?" "Blair's speech? Brilliant."

"No, silly, the OI trial."

pages. And from the land of the earthquake it came: the Simpson acquittal was set to juice all opposition for the headlines.

The question Labour delegates - never slow at sniffing a conspiracy theory - wanted answered was: never mind how much OJ had slipped the jury.

Blair?

Not that he did not try valiantly in the face of the opposition. Earlier in the day, Brian Wilson MP had eulogised him from the platform as a leader of such wide-ranging quality, he was even an expert at keepy-uppy. As he had

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demonstrated with Kevin Keegan on Monday, Blair knows how to control a football; yesterday he showed he is equally adept at controlling an audi-

Shot through with the Blairite mantra - the words "young", "new" and "super-highway" - it was a speech full of firsts. Here was the first "No, silly, the OJ trial."

It was going to take a seismic event to keep Tony Blair's effice given Judge Ito to time the front from dominating the front werdict so inconveniently for Mr

"It was going to take a seismic how much had Tory central of-time a Labour leader had so vigorously appropriated Tory values (the family, the law, the Union Jack). The first time a Labour leader had triumphed in deals with big business (New Labour, not so much the party of opportunity as the party of BT.) And, in his central words "let me tell you about my gen-eration", Mr Blair became the first prospective Prime Minis-

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ter to be apparently scripted by Pete Townshend. Indeed it was not only the

words of the speech that reminded you of a pop concert.
It had much of the rhythm and pacing too. There was the big start ("last year I was Bambi, this year I'm Stalin ... from Dis-neyland to dictator in 12 months"); there was the new material slipped, to muted applause, into the middle; and was the medley of old hits - bringing back the GLC, stop-ping rail privatisation, condemning French nuclear tests towards the end.

And then there was the climax, saving the favourite tune till last, the one that goes: bash, bash, bash the Tories. A sixminute ovation it earned him.

first alone, then hand in hand with Cherie, then in a cosy foursome with the Prescotts then alone again, providing the photographers with a dozen different angles. Snaps which will now, thanks to Judge Ito, be carried on pages eight and nine. So much for the media

manipulation of New Labour. So thwarted were they on their big day yesterday, you imagine that the clever apparatchiks who surround Mr Blair had already sent a delegation spinning down the not-so-super highway to Winchester to persuade the judge in the Rosemary West case to save a particularly gruesome bit of evidence for next Thursday. About the time John Major is getting to his feet in Blackpool.

### BT agrees on-line deal JACK O'SULLIVAN and MATHEW HORSMAN

British Telecom has agreed to wire, free of charge, every school, college, hospital and li-brary in Britain to the information superhighway, Tony Blair told the conference. He said David Blunkett, Labour's education spokesman, had also opened discussions with computer companies to ensure that ry child has access to a lap-

top computer. The BT deal, which follows meetings between Mr Blair and Sir Iain Vallance, BT's chairman, would, for example, allow small or rural schools to link up electronically with teachers at a remote location. Medical experts would be able to examine

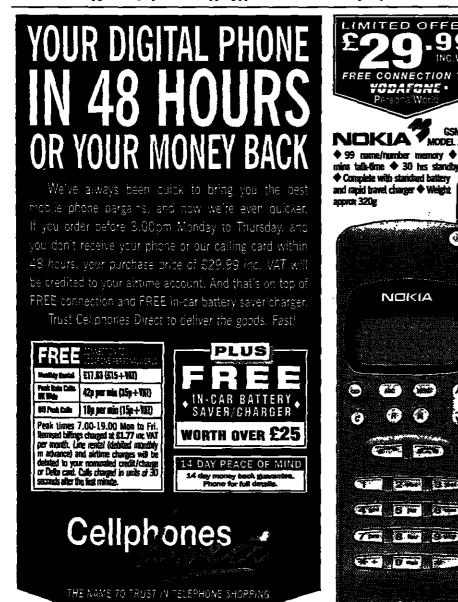
patients by video link-up. All these institutions would gain access to a vast amount of information. Once the link was installed they would have to pay for services.

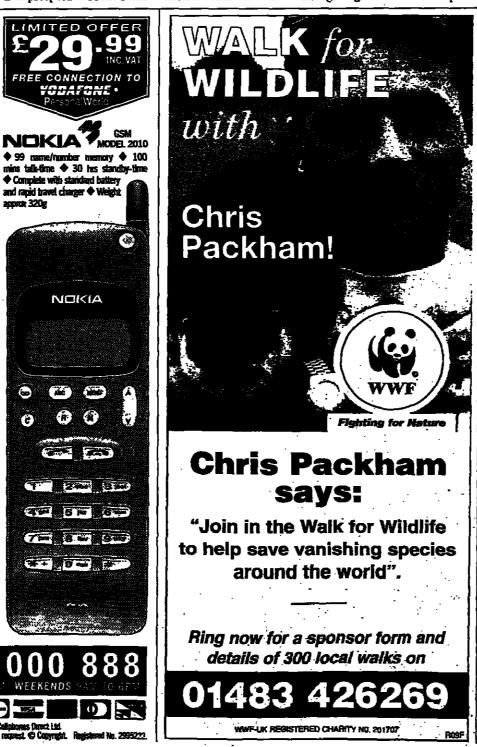
In exchange for BT's offer a Labour government would from 2002 allow BT, Mercury and other telecom providers to use their networks to broadcast entertainment services into petition with cable operators. . This "open market" was al-

ready a firmly established part of Labour policy, but had not yet been made the basis of any explicit agreement involving BT The concession could prove profitable to BT, delivering to them a potential market comprising millions of consumers.

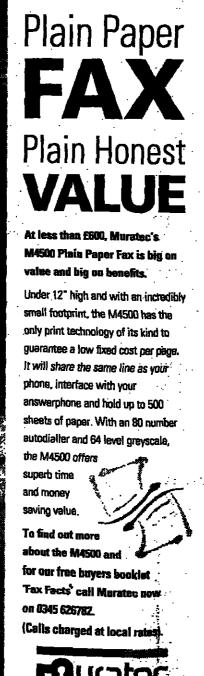
The cable industry down played the significance of the deal. A spokesman for the Cable Communications Association said: "There's nothing fundamentally new about what Blair said today. We certainly share his view about the social and economic benefits of the information highway."

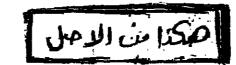
He added that the cable industry announced its own plans British homes, in direct com- to wire schools around the country last January, and has since connected "hundreds" of institutions at no cost. Hospitals, universities and local councils have signed up as clients of the cable operators, and are using video-conferencing and other technologies, for instance to develop distance learning and remote medical diagnosis.











# as party's hard left clings to old certainties

## Tears as Liz Davies's bid for Parliament is quickly crushed

PATRICIA WYNN DAVIES and COLIN BROWN

The battle by the left-winger Liz Davies to be accepted as a parliamentary candidate came to a bitter end yesterday after Labour delegates voted by two to one in favour of the party

In a perfunctory and acrimonious debate, lasting barely 20 minutes, the conference crushed a move to press the national executive to reconsider last week's 17-5 decision to refuse to endorse her as the candidate for Leeds North East.

The only possible avenue of protest open to Ms Davies and the Leeds North East constituency party, which selected her from a women-only shortlist, is the rocky and uncertain territory of court action.

After leaving the hall in tears, Ms Davies, who remains an Islington councillor and party member, said: "I am not a

The only reason for refusing to endorse me is my asso-ciation with Labour Briefing [the left-wing journal]. It is not a proscribed magazine. It upholds an old tradition of political satire. This decision is atmosphere of "nastiness and unprecedented."

Moving the reference back of the National Executive Comthe Leeds North East con-

the most shameful manoeu- hope, fairness and compassion vrings anyone has seen in this

Railing against "smears and innuendo", she complained that "metropolitan politicos" [on Islington council, where Ms Davies chairs the women's committee], had taken precedence over the democratic rights of her

constituency party.

Conference organisers failed to deliver an earlier promise to allow a second Davies sup-

porter to speak. Heckled with cries of "shame" from left-wingers, an uneasy Clare Short, Labour's women's spokesperson, swiftly wound up the debate by saying the 31-year-old barrister's stated views and track record did not make her a "suitable candidate" at the next election.

Making no apology for what is a "political" veto, rather than one based on breach of party rules or discipline, Ms Short made clear that Ms Davies' previous role as editorial board member of the "nasty, vicious" Labour Briefing was the main

"Trotskyist entryism" had four elections by creating an division", Ms Short declared. Breaking off at one point to

tell hecklers "this is undemocmittee's report, Barbara Levy, ratic behaviour and it does your case no good", Ms Short said: "We are planning to form

to our country... we need candidates who understand this and will respect party democracy and help to carry through

and explain difficult decisions." Tony Benn, the MP for Chesterfield, said afterwards: "Liz Davies is the sacrificial lamb being offered to the mass media to establish the idea that the Labour Party is different from what it has always been It isn't. It is the same Labour

Party.
"I would be happy to see Liz Davies the leader of the Labour Party." he added.

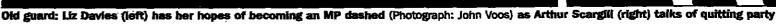
A veteran of the left, Mr Benn compared her proscription by the leadership with the expulsion of Nye Bevan and Stafford Cripps from the

Labour Party.
"The trade union delegations who voted against Liz-Davies are the real embarrassment to new Labour ... If Liz had written for the Sun instead of Labour Briefing, she would have been honoured by a soecial visit from the leader to Australia."

Her supporters in Leeds helped lose Labour the last North East could face disciplinary action if they defy the NEC'S decision by refusing to accept another candidate to fight the seat.

> Also, Ms Davies could become a cause célèbre against Tony Blair's leadership by the left, which has been increasingly





## King Coal dubbed King Canute over Clause IV

Having failed to resurrect the party to run capitalism better Union of Mineworkers was warned delegates that without and the leadership was now pro-nationalisation Clause IV, and more efficiently than the overwhelmingly defeated. Tony Clause IV's commitment to guilty of the "theft" of the conpro-nationalisation Clause IV, Arthur Scargill yesterday indicated that he was considering leaving the Labour Party, writes

Barrie Clement. Asked if he could remain a member, he replied in the Thatcherite first person plural:"We will have to consider our position.

The miners' leader told the BBC: "I joined this party to change society. I didn't join this the leader of the National

Traditionally characterised as King Coal, in the debate over Clause IV yesterday Mr Scargill was accused of being King Canute after he attempted to defend his "birthright" as an "unashamed socialist".

Deserted by former supporters of the party's old testament, the motion presented by

Blair was noticeably absent from the platform, putting the finishing touches to his speech on "New Britain", a country presumably not to Mr Scargill's liking. He argued that the spe-cial conference on 29 April,

which voted by a two-thirds majority to abandon the clause, had been unconstitutional. Amid sporadic cheers and occasional catcalls Mr Scargill

ed to key seats and that Labour

candidates would be provided

with political ammunition to fire

the "common ownership of the means of production, distribu-tion and exchange", Labour would be no different to the Tories. He told delegates: "If you ditch Clause JV you throw away our birthright and the cornerstone of our constitution which makes us different from the party we are seeking to replace." He pointed out that unions

had created the Labour Party

stitution. Mr Scargill said he had joined the party to fight the "ruthless and corrupt" system of capitalism. "We must have a philosophy which is fundamentally different to those which support the free market." He received prolonged ap-

plause from significant sections of the conference, but many of those delegates then went on to

## Fresh evidence emerges of deals with

**RARRIE CLEMENT** Labour Editor

As Tony Blair unveiled his vision of New Britain, fresh evidence emerged of backstage deals

In one such accommodation, Mr Blair has agreed not to reduce unions' voting power at low 50 per cent. In another the leadership has won agreement to oppose a motion yesterday

from politically independent unions to help the Labour Party at the next general election.

Conservative Central Office officials yesterday said they were considering legal action against such unions because they were not lawfully affiliated to Labour.

As part of the deal over the union block vote, most of the party's biggest affiliates agreed Instead conference agreed to

reduce the share from the present 70 per cent to 50 per cent next year. In return, and in conflict with the wishes of Mr Blair, Labour has agreed not to press for further reductions.

Dan Duffy, speaking on behalf of the party's national executive, said the new system

their share of voting going back and for all". Some senior party sources said the arrangement would last only "for the foreseeable future", although union officials insisted there was

no time limit to the deal. Meanwhile minutes of a private meeting between Tony Blair and senior union officials on 18 September at the House of Commons reveal that unions without constitutional links with

which could have resulted in would "settle the matter once the party are prepared to help Labour in key marginal seats. Principal among the "unaffiliated" organisations to agree

> meant to be spent largely on one-off campaigns with politi-cal implications rather than on the support of a single party. One senior civil service union source conceded yesterday that

officials' time would be devot-

at Conservative candidates. to help are the Whitehall unions The Conservative Party has which hold funds arguably

previously taken court action against the old Nalgo local government union for taking out full page advertisements with a strong pro-Labour flavour. This time however the backing will be less overt and it will be difficult to prove involvement.

IN BRIEF

### **NEC** gets power to ballot members

The rule changes to give the National Executive Committee the power to carry out referendums of all party members on policy were expected to be carried in votes to be announced this morning, writes John Rentoul. The GMB general union with 12.9 per cent of the vote voted against but most other unions are understood to have supported Tony Blair's move, which comes as part of a package of rules revisions.

### Today's Business

Conference will debate transport, including a commitment to a publicly-owned rail network, education, the NHS, community care, housing, the environment, rural policy and animal welfare.

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## Pollution fear as Irish cattle deaths mount

International team looks into cow disease and deformity in babies. Alan Murdoch reports

An official inquiry by Irish, British and US scientists is to investigate the cause of widespread cattle deaths and human illnesses affecting up to 20 farms in Co Limerick, western Ireland.

If traced to industry, the problems would rank along-side Ireland's worst toxic pollution incident at Ballydine, Tipperary, in the 1980s when large numbers of cattle were poisoned by industrial emis-

Attention has centred on three farms around the village of Askeaton. But animal health sources say the number of farms suffering unexplained abnor-malities is around 20. Animal deaths linked to immune system failure are reported from as far as Rathkeale, four miles from Residents in Askeaton and

Ballysteen are concerned about actid night-time emissions which sometimes force residents to cover mouths and noses when going outside. Ailments have been sufficiently serious for children of two neighbouring farmers to require specialist treatment.

No warning has been issued against people on other farms consuming local milk, though tests by an Irish government laboratory showed above-normal fluorine levels. Contamination of the human food would represent "the nightmare sce-nario," an Irish Farmers' Association spokesman warned.

Medical data is being collated for the inquiry by the Irish Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). But farmers fear it lacks resources, and want investigations extended to also examine reported birth defects, including foals born without eyes, across the Shannon in Co Clare.

Doctors are also concerned. Dr Mary Grey, of the Irish College of General Practitioners, said known health problems included a "particularly bad deformed birth, the like of which the obstetrician had never seen before". Rumours of an unusual number of women experiencing multiple miscarriages remain unconfirmed. The local TD (MP), Michael

Finucane, criticises long delays Citing the Ballydine incident, he says that "the most fundamen-tal lesson is that one cannot sit

sidered safe.

ADAS confirmed to the farmer that high aluminium

Chris Livesey, a vet and head

After aluminium sulphate accidentally contaminated waloss of co-ordination.

Askeaton from Moneypoint, the Irish Republic's only coal-

suspected iodine deficiency was a factor in the cattle deaths. A soil expert who helped investigate the Ballydine case says iodine levels "can be pivotal", affecting animal fertility, prolonging gestation and causing ak or "soft" calves.

idly by".
Industrial sites on the south-

ern Shannon shore include the giant Aughinish Alumina plant just three miles away. Tests by the British Agricultural Development Advisory Service (ADAS) found aluminium traces in dead cattle on the Ryan farm in Askeaton which were almost 20 times the levels con-

levels were present in bone ash from his animals. Three animals showed aluminium levels of 117 parts per million, 119 ppm and 790 ppm, many times greater than the danger levels.

of toxicology and nutrition at Britain's Central Veterinary Laboratory, emphasised that aluminium is one of the most commonly-found elements. Testing is easily contaminated by aluminium from other sources. Scientists admit to uncertainty over what levels of aluminium are toxic, but confirm it is linked to animal disorders involving secondary phosphate

ter supplies in Camelford. Cornwall, in 1988, associated ilinesses ranged from gastrointestinal disturbances to rashes and mouth ulcers. A neuropsychologist who tested 20 local people found some suffered minor brain damage causing Emissions also drift towards

fired power station 15 miles away. Critics complain it lacks basic "scrubber" filters and spews out thick smoke. Initially, some investigators

Vets are wary, however. would have to be involved.



Iodine deficiencies, sometimes associated with goitrogens naturally occurring chemicals in some clovers and other pasture plants that inhibit utilising of iodine – might explain animals' failure to thrive. But none could cite instances where it caused widespread cattle deaths.

The possibility that emis-sions from Aughinish or Moneypoint are involved is tempered by the fact that both are some distance from the worst-affected farms. Some investigators believe that had Aughinish's emissions affected cattle, those hit would most likely be "literally over the wall". Both plants emit sulphur dioxide from their respective oil and coal fuels. If it were causing lethal animal health prob-

lems, enormous concentrations

Aughinish Alumina strongly rejects suggestions that the company is contributing to health problems in the area.

Pat Lynch, corporate affairs

director, points out that the plant is subject to 64 impositions covering all aspects of emissions" laid down in county council planning permission, given after a public inquiry. The firm pays for monitoring

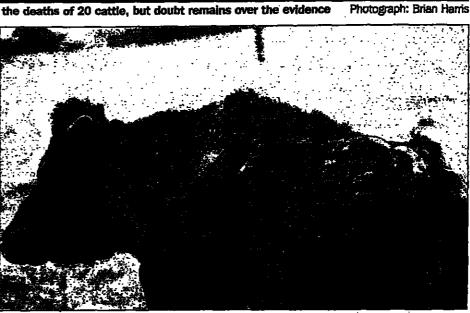
by a state agency from a ring of points around the plant. "There has never been a problem," he

Aughinish processes more than I million tonnes of bauxite imported from west Africa into alumina for export to smelters abroad. Bauxite is crushed and ground, with alumina dissolved from "red mud" residue by the Bayer method, using caustic sodium hydroxide.

Mr Lynch says the principal emission is sulphur dioxide from burning fuel oil. He dis-counts high aluminium traces in cattle bone ash as a cause for concern. The element is "universally present", and abnormal readings can easily occur, he

He attributes animal illness to imbalances in mineral trace elements in pasture and lack of supplements. Farming practice has changed radically in the last two decades. Mr Lynch claims, resulting in cattle "not getting a balanced input, leading over a number of years to deficiencies that border on the

dangerous".
Nitrogen and copper levels in grassland have often not been properly tested, he says: "They (the farmers) have been play-ing with dynamite."



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## Farm plagued by sickness Overlooking the broadest farmhouse. Since 1988, ever themselves against fences until recalls. "There was obviously

stretch of the River Shannon deep, Justin and Suzanne Ryan could hardly have a more scenic location for their 85-acre dairy farm, writes Alan Murdoch.

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The same once applied on the Ryan farm. Through the 1980s their Friesian herd never lost a single adult cow to sick-ness. A 1981 study showed local animal health good, milk yields buoyant and bovine mortality

below average.
"That whole picture has been overturned," says Mr Ryan in

larger numbers of animals on local farms have been dying in circumstances that have left local vets bewildered.

Cows developed fever and mastitis after calving. Some died shortly before they were due to give birth. Others failed to produce milk. Since 1990, 49 cows have died mysteriously. Several first went lame in all

Vets tried mineral supplements, but despite this, prob-lens worsened. "You could see the animals deteriorating rapidly," said Mr Ryan. After 25 years of dairy farming, he was struck by unusual cattle behaviour: "For a full month from mid-October last you couldn't find a lick mark on any animal," he said, citing a normally-constant

bovine habit. Extensive hair

Still-births, abortions and extended labour increased. Cows that previously gave birth after

36 hours labour now agonised for 100 hours, forcing Caesarean births. Autopsies showed severe lesions of the lung and gut. The 45 cows that were left all but stopped coming into heat. "If at all, it was just for half an hour," said Mr Ryan. "The bull would

his wife adds wryly. Like other farmers, the Ryans saw a dramatic rise in previously-rare twin births. Illness also hit newer animals. Of seven top-priced replacement heifers bought last year, only four survived the winter.

want to be quick to spot them,"

Wildlife also seems affected. Foxes came into the yard all loss prompted cows to scratch last winter, dying," Mrs Ryan

and they didn't move."

Two of the Ryans's four children also became ill. Alex, the developed rashes all over his body, with one eye inflamed and badly swollen. A specialist was baffled. Both Alex and his brother, Eric, who developed blistered arms and legs, quickly recovered after the family switched from drinking the farm's own milk.

The Golden Vale dairy group stopped using the Ryans's reduced milk ouput on health grounds in March, while still

paying for it.

Mr Ryan's family have worked the same land for 200 years. He is resigned to having no future in Askeaton, his only hope is selling up and moving to another, safer, piece of land.

## Rail line hoists fares before privatisation

CHRISTIAN WOLMAR

Great Western Railways, one of the first rail lines being priva-tised, put up fares by almost 3 per cent on 24 September without any public announcement. The rise, the second this

year, means many fares for pas-sengers on GWR, which runs the InterCity services out of Paddington, will have risen by

class fare from London to Penzance, which went up from £76.50 to £78 in January, rose to £80. Most Supersavers, the cheapest fares for leisure travellers, went up by 50p or £1, and only Saver fares have not been increased. It was only when an angry reader rang the Independent that the rises came to

by 50p in January, goes up a fur-commercial judgement" and ther £1 to £27.50, while the first was not connected with the imminent privatisation of the line. Mr Mitchell at first denied this was the second rise this year for GWR's first class passengers, but then accepted there had been an increase of 1.9 per cent earlier this year. He said GWR had not issued a press release because it was under no oblig-ation to do so: "We have ful-

filled our statutory duty by just under 5 per cent this year.

The standard single from PR manager, said that the fares mittee. But we are a commerLondon to Bath, which went up increase "was a result of our cial company, and we have no

obligation to tell anyone else. The supermarkets don't shout from the rooftops when they put up the price of Coca-Cola."

GWR is in the first batch of three lines to be franchised out. Final bids from the four

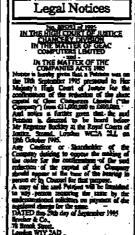
tenderers are due in by the end of this month.

Barry Doe, a railway consultant who specialises in timetabling, said: "This is a very steep increase on what is already one of the most expensive lines, per mile, on the

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Police chiefs' conference: Light sentences attacked in call to support victims of crime

# Howard demands sympathy for the 'have-a-go heroes'

JASON BENNETTO Crime Correspondent

"Have-a-go heroes" who use violence to defend themselves against burglars and vandals should be treated more sympathetically by the police and the criminal justice system, Michael Howard, the Home

Secretary, said yesterday.

Mr. Howard implied that some police officers were being over-zealous in charging people defending their property with offences such as assault "The impression is sometimes given that the victim is treated more harshly than the villain," he said.

He also made a thinly veiled attack on magistrates and judges for giving short or lenient sentences to criminals, particularly in the cases of domestic burglary. He said he was "surprised" to discover that only 10 per cent of first-time burglars are given a jail sentence when convicted at magistrates' courts.

Speaking at the Police Superintendents' Association annual conference in Market Bosworth, Warwickshire, Mr Howard announced that be had asked the Director of Public Prosecutions to review the standards needed for charging someone with assault. He said he was particularly concerned with cases in which someone defending themselves is charged, but after further investigation has the charges dropped.

The issue was highlighted earlier this year with a number of cases that caused public outcry including that of \$2-year-old Ted Newberry, from Illeston,

Derbyshire, who was ordered to liament providing the powers if pay £4,000 after he fired a 12- the courts do not make full use bore shot gun at Mark Revill, an intruder trying to break into his garden shed. In June Major Roy Bannistre-Parker, a retired war veteran, who allegedly broke the nose of a youth who broke into his house, was attempted and chemical with according to the control of the control

of them," he argued.

He was "surprised" that a re-cent survey showed that the av-

erage sentence length for first offenders in burglary convic-tions at magistrates' is 3.7 months – the maximum is six

about four months. In the

Crown Court, where the maxi-

mum sentence for domestic burglary is 14 years, the average for first-time offenders con-

victed for a break-in was 14.4

months. The average for those

with 10 or more previous con-

courts' job to make full use of

rictions was 17.6 months. "Maximum penalties are there to be used in the most se-rious cases," he said. "It is the

rested and charged with assault months – and that the average Mr Howard suggested that if for 10 or more convictions (not in doubt the police should connecessarily all for burglary) is suit the Crown Prosecution Service about a case before arresting or charging the suspect.
"We must bear in mind the needless worry caused and auxiety to people who have already had their home or property violated, if they then have to wait several weeks to discover whether they must face court proceedings when they them-selves are the real victims." Mr Howard denied he was

encouraging people to use vio-lence. "I am not suggesting people should take policing into their own hands, or have a go'," he said.

Chief Superintendent Brian Mackenzie, president of the Superintendents' Association of England and Wales, said: There is something wrong in our approach to victims when a pensioner who tackles two heroin addicts burgling his home finds himself complained about by the burglar and arrested for assault. It seems to me that we need to look again and reasonable force.

Mr Howard also took a swipe at sentencing policies, some of





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## Pensioner's defence of his property put him in the dock

LIZ SEARL

Ted Newberry, a retired hospital porter, so was fed up with vandals destroying his allot-ment at Ilkeston in Derbyshire that the pensioner decided to sleep in his allotment shed to

catch the culprits red-handed.
But instead of finding vandals
during his vigil in 1988, he realised that the noise he could hear outside was that of wouldbe burglars trying to break into the shed. So Mr Newberry took up a 12-bore shotgun and fired what he said was intended to be a warning shot through a hole in the shed door, because he

feared for his life. The shot hit one of the intruders, Mark Revill, then 22, who was left with 50 shotgun pellets embedded in his body. Seven years ago, a jury cleared Mr Newberry of deliberately injuring Mr Revill, because of the pensioner's claim he acted purely in self-defence.

Mr Revill, also from Ilkeston, was jailed for six months for the attempted break-in and other offences. Last year, the father of four pursued a civil suit for damages, claiming that the close-range shot had left him suffering from regular blackouts and little use in his right arm and



At Nottingham High Court the judge, Mr Justice Rougier, ruled that Mr Newberry, 83, had been negligent when he fired through the shed door. He said it would have been more sensible to turn on the light or shout. In a decision which provoked widespread protests at the time, he awarded Mr Revill £12,100 for his injuries, which was reduced to £4,033 because he ruled that the burglar himself was two-thirds to blame for

As hundreds of people sent in cash donations to contribute to Mr Newberry's repayments, Mr Justice Rougier defended his ruling and said that al-though he was receiving hate mail about his decision he threw it all unopened into the bin.

## Safety of children gets urgent review

new powers are needed to protect children from paedophiles is being conducted by the Home Office, it was disclosed yester-day, writes Jason Bennetto.

Mr Howard said he welcomed suggestions by the police to introduce new "child protection orders", in which all con-victed paedophiles would be forced to inform the police if they moved home. Child abusers would also be banned for life from working with children in the private, public or

voluntary sector.

Mr Howard has also asked the Association of Chief Police Officers to suggest possible changes in the laws. We are conducting an urgent review."
The Superintendents' Association said yesterday that they were also concerned with the increasing use of the Internet information highway to distribute

child pornography. Chief Supt Brian Mackenzie,

An urgent review into whether president of the Superintendents' Association, told the conference: "A number of highprofile child murders coupled, with increasing paedophile ac-tivity assisted by the use of the information superhighway or In-ternet, makes this topic more

and more important."

He added: "There have been recent newspaper reports of convicted paedophiles discovered living in flats overlooking a school playground, whilst a so-cial worker is reported as having said that sex with an eightear-old is acceptable, if the child agrees.

As an illustration he said that Rosie Palmer, aged three, in Hartlepool, was murdered by a man living a few doors away, who had been involved in previous incidents of child molestation which were not reported. He believes this information would have helped the police identify the man



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## Grass 'on raid to fool Yardies'

A Yardie supergrass took part in a "terrifying" armed robbery to convince his gang he was not an informer, a court was told yesterday. Eaton Green, 28, was jailed for six years at Leeds Crown Court for the robbery at

a Nottingham blues party. Mr Justice Smedley told him the sentence was "substantially reduced" because of the help he had given the Metropolitan Police. The court heard that Green's gang announced they were the Sad Posse - Seek and Destroy - before terrorising and robbing about 100 guests at the party. Green also shot one

of the male guests in the foot. He pleaded guilty to conspiracy to rob, wounding and possessing a firearm with intent to endanger life at a second trial in Leicester in June.

The first trial was abandoned after Green's role as an "A1" police informant on Jamaican Yardie gangs was revealed.

The court was told that Green came to Britain in 1991 and became a registered informer soon after.

Nicholas Gardiner, for the defence, told the court: "He was of great importance to the police because of the difficulty there is in gaining information on these organisations.

"Few people are prepared to assist with information because of the terror of reprisal".

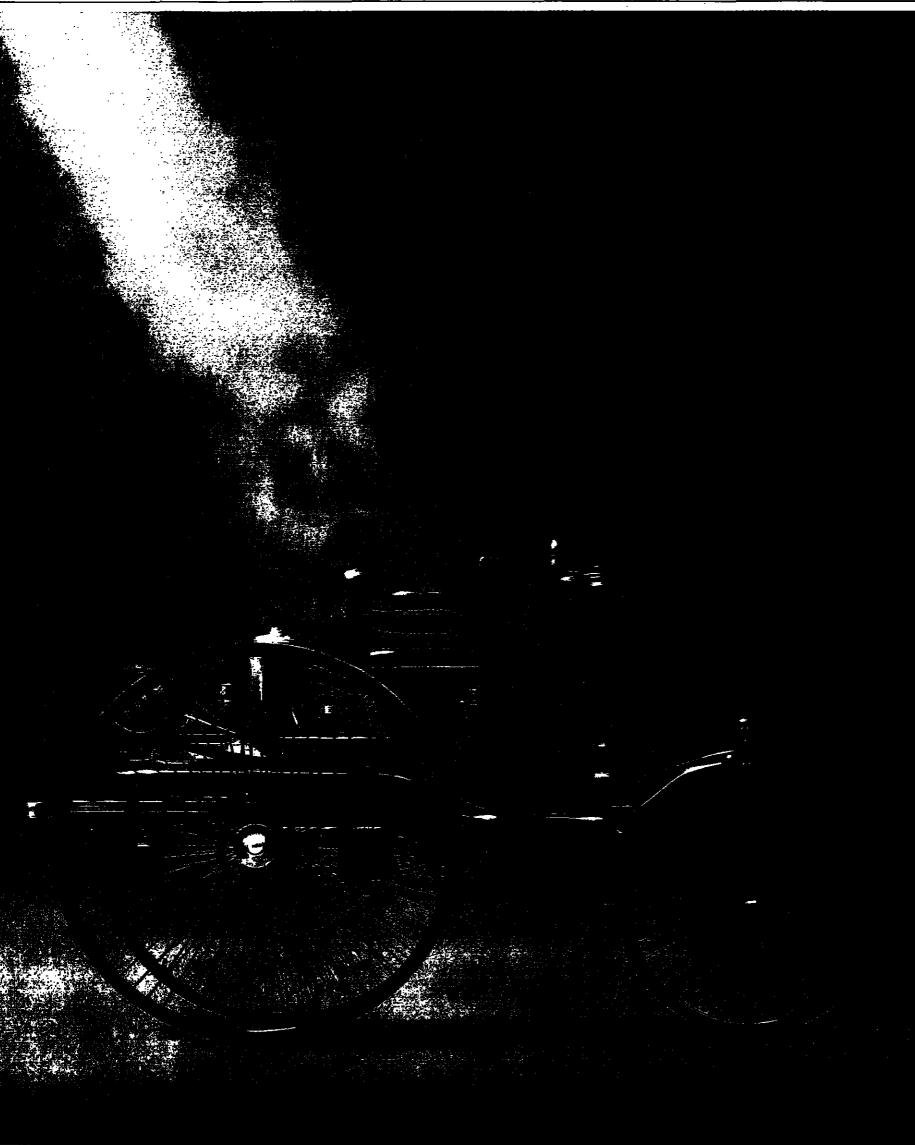
Mr Gardiner added: "The international Yardie community will obviously be looking for him and, to put it plainly, if he's caught he will be killed." Mr Justice Smedley said:

You took part in this terrifying robbery, weapons being fired into the ceiling, your weapon being discharged on the

"That sort of appalling vio-lence can only result in people receiving substantial prison sentences in the region of 14

But he described Green's decision to give evidence for the rosecution at the second trial "exceedingly courageous" adding: "It does mean that I shall give you a substantial discount on your sentence."





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## Life-support boy, 5, dies after court ruling

A five-year-old brain-damaged child has died in a Channel Islands hospital two days after the Islands' Royal Court gave permission for the medical treatment that kept the boy alive to be ended.

The court sat for four hours in St Helier, Jersey, on Satur-day before deciding to allow doctors to withdraw feeding tubes and end treatment.

It was the first time such an application had been made in the Channel Islands. The court has ordered that the identity of the family be protected."

The boy, referred to as Michael, suffered brain damage after he was found near the bottom of a private swimming pool on Jersey on 4 September. Michael's father desperately tried to resuscitate his son even though he appeared to be dead, having been under water for 10 to 15 mmutes. An ambulance crew continued the resuscitation attempt and by the time they reached hospital Michael had a heartbear.

The court's landmark judgment was made public yester-day afternoon. Judge Deputy Bailiff Francis Hamon said this verdict did not open the way to euthanasia cases. He confirmed the sanctity of human life but said doctors' evidence showed that the last vestiges of hope of a recovery had gone.

.Peter Garrett of the antiabortion group Life said that things had moved too quickly. He compared the case to the long-running legal battle over a victim of the Hillsborough disaster. "They have gone through in three weeks what took years in that case."

Mr Garrett added: "I would have taken advice from more specialists. He should have been kept alive, you can't make these

decisions in less than two years. The boy was in a lot of pain and

the direction of acceleration.' Dr Henry Spratt, a consultant aediatrician, told the court that Michael opened his eyes the day after the accident, but began suffering severe spasms. A brain scan revealed the extent of his injuries. He was transferred to a specialist unit at Southampton General Hospital and began to

compassion has moved them in

There was one dissenting voice over Michael's case. Consultant paediatric neurologist Dr Colin Kennedy, at the Southampton unit, wrote: The chances of him dying in the near future remain substantial. On the other hand, there is a small chance that his survival will be prolonged."

Dr Spratt said that when Michael returned to Jersey his condition deteriorated to the point where it was believed that all hopes of recovery were gone. "This leaves in its wake the great practical problem of how to relieve the continuing pitiable suffering of this likely dying child," he said.

On 26 September Michael's father asked for feeding to stop. In a letter shown to the court he wrote: "Furnish medical treatment for the sole purpose of en-abling him to end his life and die peacefully with the greatest dignity and the least distress." The order was given and Michael died yesterday at 7am.
Giving his judgment, Judge
Hamon said: ""We do not be-

lieve that in this judgment we have interfered in any way with the hallowed concepts of criminal law. We must reiterate that we confirm, above all things, the sanctity of human life.

"We believe that how Michael died will affect how his short life is remembered by those who grieve his passing.

### DAILY POEM

### **World Service**

By Hugo Williams

Ten to four and the World Service is still on upstairs, which means that you are sleeping well again tonight, which means that it got you off to sleep and hasn't yet woken you again. The sound of waves from the sea at the foot of the cliff washes over the voices coming and going in waves. A motor scooter starts up, then fizzles out again.

I can't sleep, so I get up and look out of the window onto the dim-lit esplanade, where one or two couples are finding their way home from the clubs.

I feel jealous and sad, but I like to see them, lingering at discreet intervals under the palm trees...

Out at sea, the last fishing boats are coming in, their big lamps slung below the horizon like stars.

For a moment, the broadcast voices upstairs rises above the waves, insistent, incoherent, cracked You wake yourself and manage to reach out a hand to switch it off. 6.30 and the World Service is quiet, which means that you are sleeping well again tonight. Far below, the beach tructor ploughs back and forth, readying the beach for another day.

Hugo Williams was born in 1942 in Windsor and brought up in Sussex . He worked on the London Magazine from 1961 to 1970 and his first poetry collection Symptoms of Loss appeared in 1965. Since then he has earned his living as a journalist, critic and travel writer. In the late 1960s he was awarded both Gregory and Cholmondely Awards and six further collections have appeared including Dock Leaves, from which this poem is taken, published in 1994. Freelancing: Adventures of a poet, Hugo Williams's collection of writings from the TLS, is published next week by Faber.

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## Britain and China clinch deal to ease handover of colony

MICHAEL HERIDAN DipomatidEditor

Brtain and China yesterday reached a ordial agreement on now measures to smooth the transfer of ower in Hong Kong but the Chiese Foreign Miniter, Qian sichen, remained insstent that he colony's elected egislature ould be abolished.

The Foeign Minister, the irst senice Chinese visitor to London it three years, was speaking hring a day of talks with the hime Minister, John Major anothe Foreign Secretary, Malcolm kifkind. British)fficials were keen to

stress the chievement of two objectives wich should ease the handoverf Hong Kong in 1997. The two des agreed to establish formi contacts between civil servats in the Hong Kong governmet and Chinese offi-cials, alloing heads of department to lise on practical issues before theransition. They also decided that a preparatory committee shuld negotiate the details of te ceremonial and protocol spects of the arrangements on 0 June 1997.

Both trasures represented welcome rogress, from the British poit of view, after a long period of igid relations charperiod of igid relations char-acterised virm statements in China to consider the fact that

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support of democracy from the Governor of Hong Kong, Chris Patten, which drew reproof from the Chinese. "These new measures are important prac-Hong Kong government ever more deeply in the transition

the people of Hong Kongs, a British official said. But there was no discussion

Qian: 'No' to legislature

of the inflexible Chinese position that there can be no future for the elected Legislative Council which lies at the heart of Mr Patten's democratic reforms. In elections held on 17 September, pro-democracy politicians swept to victory over candidates backed by Peking.

international confidence in the stability and prosperity of the colony. However, Mr Qian made it clear before arriving in tical steps which embed the London that China would not tolerate its continued role. The chief objection by Peking to the and should give reassurance to council is that it was elected under rules that were drawn up without Chinese consent. Speaking at the Foreign Office yesterday, Mr Qian dismissed the Legislative Council as "a

question already discussed.

British officials took comfort from the fact that Mr Qian's visit took place at all. China was so incensed by the Patten reforms that it had put a freeze on high-level contacts with Britain. That in turn threatened British interests in the enormous and rapidly developing market of modern China.
The British and Hong Kong

governments are now addressing China with two separate, if not necessarily discordant, voices. The Hong Kong goveroment has taken up the cause of democratic institutions and the rule of law in the colony, which will continue to irritate the Chinese. The Foreign Office in London, however, will concentrate on developing trade ties and fostering relations



## Colombo troops maul Tigers

TIM MCGIRK

In Sri Lanka's 13-year civil war between the government and ethnic Tamils, rebel comman-ders usually send their feared wave. Nurtured for martyrdom

Their favourite tactic is to

With this victory, the Sri Lankan forces have at last cleared away Tamil mortars which pounded their airstrip at Palaly, the main military base on the Jaffna peninsula. The rebels control the remainder of this tongue of land.

From their Jaffna strong-hold, the Tigers have extended their reach into the northern and eastern regions but since a cease-fire broke down six months ago, Sri Lankan forces have been winning it back.

The Tigers' radio, monitored in Colombo, claimed yesterday that over 50,000 Tamil civilians had fled the military's assault. Officials put the number far lower. The Defence Minister, Anuruddha Ratwatte, said that the Tigers would be defeated by the year's end. "The government is not going to slow down can never make peace.

or abandon the war, but it will be fought to a finish within the next two or three months." Diplomats dismiss this fore-

cast as overly optimistic, if not impossible. More than 500,000 Tamils live in Jaffna city, and any siege would cause heavy casualties. Even if the Tigers lose Jaffna, they are well-armed, fanatical, and have camps and ammunition caches in the northern jungles. They have also infiltrated mainland India.

The strategy used by the president, Chandrika Kumaratunga, is to use military power to drag the Tigers back to peace talks. But as the Sri Lankan forces near Jaffna, diplomats and opposition politicians are worried that an all-out attack might succeed only in convincing the Tamils that they

### IN BRIEF

### Gaddafi to visit expelled Palestinians

Cairo - The Libyan leader, Muammar Gaddafi, is to visit a camp for expelled Palestinians stranded in no man's land between Libya and Egypt and give a press conference on the border. Colonel Gaddafi ordered the expulsion of all 30,000 Palestinians in his country to show up what he says is the failure of the Israeli-PLO autonomy accords to create a viable Palestinian homeland. According to the United Nations, 5,000 Palestinians have already been thrown out of Libya and 160 families are stranded in no man's land after Egypt refused them entry.

### **Gunmen murder banana workers**

Bogota – In an attack copying others that have shocked Colombians, gunmen ordered 11 banana-plantation workers off a bus in the north-western region of Uraba and murdered two women. The attackers told the workers to lie face down then singled out two middle-aged women and shot them in the head. The others were left to spread word of the attack, which occurred despite heavy security in the region.

### Egyptians face terror trial in Denmark

Copenhagen - Three Egyptians living in Denmark face trial next year on charges of planning acts of terrorism in Denmark. The trial, starting on 20 February, will be the first involving alleged terrorism by Islamic militants in the country. The three men, who cannot be named under a court order, had been named by US authorities in connection with the 1993 World Trade Center bombing, although they were never charged with that crime.

### Banda fraud inquiry

Blantyre - The Malawian government is to investigate whether the former dictator, Hastings Banda (right), de-frauded the state of taxable profits as he amassed a fortune. State radio said the government of President Bakili Muluzi, who ousted Mr Banda in elections last year, ordered investigations into Press Trust and Press Holdings, Banda-owned firms said to control 60 per cent of the



### Turbulent newspaper back on the streets

Moscow-Nezavisimaya Gazeta, an independent newspaper that made its mark during perestroika and glastiost, resumed publishing yesterday after a four-month hiatus. Bedevilled by a deep financial crisis and bitter internal conflicts, it shut on 24 May. At one point, the editor-in-chief, Vitaly Tretyakov, showed up at the paper with a team of bodyguards. He eventually found financing from a lo-cal bank and staved off an internal coup.

AP

### Belgium jails anti-Algiers militants

Brussels - A court convicted seven suspected supporters of an Islamic militant group, but freed the man prosecutors named as a leading figure in the group's violent campaign to overthrow the Algerian government. The court found there was insufficient evidence to convict Ahmed Zaoui, an Algerian accused of playing a key role in an underground network supporting the Armed Islamic Group, or GIA. Of the seven convicted, Ben Boudriah and Rachid Abdelli received the maximum sentence of five years on charges of criminal associations. Five others were sent to jail for sentences ranging from three months to four years.

### Sperm bank goes bust

Paris - Several couples have been barred from taking their donations of semen from a sperm bank in Paris which has gone bankrupt. The attorney supervising its liquidation, Gilles Pellegrini, said the Health Ministry had imposed the ban until the frozen donations lodged with the Foundation for Hormone Research were moved to another sperm bank.

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## US asked to cut bases in Okinawa rape row

RICHARD LOYD PARRY

The Japanse government yes-terday askd the United States to reduce is pilitary presence on the island of Okinawa, in the latest attempto appease growing outrag ever a rape allegedly consitted by three American spicemen.

Japan's Freign Minister, Yohei Kom, ande the request in a meeting with the US ambassador, Valer Mondale, but the scale of he planned rethrown into loubt. Okinawa contains are quarters of the US basesin Jaan, a perpetual land that make up less than 1 per centof the country's area.

Foreign Maistry officials suggested tha Okinawa's burden might bereduced to less than 70 per cant, but this was contradicted by the Defence Minister, Scihiro Eto, who said that such a scaling down would be "diffult" in the light of Japan's objections under the Japan-US Schrity Treaty.

Military sites being consid-ered for relocation elsewhere in Japan include three of the most controversial on Okinawa: a key port, first earmarked for return in 1974, a parachuting practice ground close to farms and houses, and an artillery range over a main road which has attracted complaints about unexploded shells and environmental damage.

Yesterday's announcement provoked scepticism on Okinawa, which was governed directly by America from 1945 immediately until its reversion to Japan in 1972 "For 10 years, they've been saying they would return these sites," said a spokesman source of resetment on an is- for the Okinawa prefectural government. "They could have dealt with it long ago, and right

now we don't expect too much." The island has been in uproar since the beginning of Septem-ber, when a 12-year-old school-girl was abducted and gang-raped, allegedly by an American sailor and two Marines, Government officials, military officers and even Pres-

discipline has been tightly enforced and sales of alcohol have been restricted on base. US Marines will suspend operations for a "day of reflection" on the crime and its consequences.

in Okinawa and Tokyo, where chants of "Yankee, Go Home!" have brought back memories of the 1960s, when opposition to the security treaty provoked riots in Tokyo. As many as imously adopted a resolution calling for a review of the bilateral Status of Forces Agreement, which allowed the three suspects to remain in US custody until their indictment by Japanese prosecutors last Friday.

Black Tigers in the first assault by relentless Tamil propaganda and commando training the kamikaze teenagers are only too ready to sacrifice themselves.

defy enemy gunfire and crash a lorry packed with explosives into a Śri Lankan army garrison. But this failed disastrously yesterday, when rebels tried to recapture mortar positions which had been overrun on the previous night by 7,500 troops on the northern Jaffna peninsula. Instead of bunching, the Sri Lankan forces spread out on the south eastern side of Jaffna peninsula, denying the suicide squads any identifiable targets.

Confused, the Black Tigers fell prey to the entrenched Sri Lankan gunners. In two days of battle, nearly 300 Tamil rebels were killed, many of them in hand-to-hand combat. Government sources said only 63 soldiers died while repelling the rebel attack. The army fatalities were so low, explained one official spokesman, because they outnumbered the en-

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lowing the US military to com-mandeer land occupied by military sites.

Last week the governor of Okinawa, Masahide Ota, refused to sign documents al-

But the gestures have done little to stem local anger. There have been daily demonstrations

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# Bomb blast injures Macedonian President

SASA PESEV Associated Press

Skopje - A car bomb exploded in central Skopje yesterday as the car of the Macedonian President, Kiro Gligorov, passed by, injuring the leader of the Balkan republic and killing his driver.

Macedonia, formerly part of Yugoslavia, is potentially a tinder box. Fears that the violence which has swept Bosnia and Croatia could also envelop Macedonia have already led the United Nations

to put in peace-keeping forces Doctors said they had operated on Mr Gligorov, 78, for head injuries, and Saso Ordanoski, director of Macedonian television said the President had lost his right eye. Official sources said that on Macedonia's request, a French medical team arrived to help care for the President, For now, Gligorov's life is not in danger," an official police statement said. Doctors said any head injury was serious for a man of Mr Gligorov's age.

Police said that the President's driver, Alexander Spirovski, was killed. His security officer and five pedestrians were injured when the remotecontrol bomb exploded.

About 45lb of explosives were packed into the boot of an old Citroen and Mr Gligorov's armoured Mercedes took the brunt of the blast. Television film showed the car with its front right door ripped open, and Mr Gligorov's rear right door closed, but penetrated by



Balkan tragedy: The Macedonian leader's driver lying dead after a bomb ripped open President Kiro Gilgorov's Mercedes. Mr Gilgorov (right) may have lost an eye

blast, near the Bristol Hotel, in the centre of the city, said most windows as high as the ninth floor on nearby buildings were shattered by the explosion. which occurred at about 9.30am. The site is about 100 yards from Mr Gligorov's

their mid 20s were arrested, but

sponsibility. Borders were sealed for several hours after the explosion, but were later reopened, police said. Thorough checks were being made of travel documents. Police sources said that anti-terrorism experts from the United States were to help in the investigation. Macedonia gained independence in the break-up of the old

The republic has a large ethnic Albanian minority and is a historic point of contention for neighbouring Serbia, Bulgaria, Greece, and Albania.

About 1,000 US soldiers are stationed on Macedonia's northern border with Serbia in the UN's first precautionary its volatile politics, Macedonia

bomb might be the work of Macedonian nationalists who are strongly opposed to com-promises with the republic's neighbours.

Mr Gligorov was a leading Communist official in former Yugoslavia, and was elected He returned on Monday from a one-day trip to Belgrade,

Local media speculated the President, Slobodan Milosevic, on mutual recognition of the two former Yugoslav states. Mr Gligorov said mutual recognition between rump Yugoslavia and Macedonia was expected by early November,

but suggested it depended on a peace agreement for Bosnia. of border disputes and solidar-

the same name.

Greece condemned the attack on Mr Gligorov. A spokesman, Telemachos Hytiris, expressed the government's "abhorrence and condemnation" of the attack, and relief that Mr Gligorov had survived. attack, as did the German For-

Macedonia has territorial aspi-

signed a US-broked agree-ment on 13 September, under which Greece regnised its northern neighbor without rations on its province bearing recognising its nan

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## Serbs and Croats strike east Slavonia deal

**JOVANA GEC** 

Erdut — Rebel Serbs in Croatia agreed in principle yesterday to allow the return of Croatian authority over the small swath of territory they still control in eastern Slavonia, after a transition period.

The agreement, reached at the first talks between Croats and rebel Serbs since a Croat offensive against the Serbs in August, may solve a dispute that could otherwise derail US efforts to end the war in neighbouring Bosnia.

step for a peaceful resolution of the crisis," the UN negotiator Thorvald Stoltenberg said after the talks, which he co-hosted with the US ambassador to Croatia, Peter Galbraith. Following the adoption of an

11-point document of basic principles, "we see a negotiated peaceful settlement within the internationally recognised borders of Croatia on the basis of internationally recognised human rights", he added.

Solving the dispute over the Serb-held territory in eastern international forces in the area Slavonia is vital to any settle-during a transition period, de-

"This is an important first ment that may be reached to end the war in Bosnia. Mr Galbraith, who has been shuttling for months between

the rebel Serb leaders and Croatian officials, described the agreement as "a significant step forward". But he cautioned that tough

ment," he said. The 11-point basic principles for further negotiations include Croatia's right of sovereignty over the region, deployment of

skeleton for reaching an agree-

militarisation of the region and the return of thousands of Croat refugees who fled when the Serbs took the region in the 1991 Serb-Croat war. Mr Galbraith said that

among the unresolved issues was the length of the transition period. Serbs wanted five years, negotiations lay ahead. "This a while the Croats said it should not exceed 18 months. Croatia has warned that it

would retake the region by force if an agreement on its peaceful reintegration is not reached before 30 November, when a UN peace-keeping

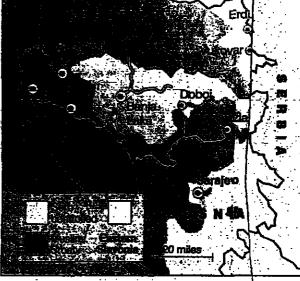
In early August, Croat troops recaptured most of the territory held by Serbs since the 1991 war, which followed Croatia's declaration of independence

Croatia mounted that offensive against the Serb-held Krajina region despite assurances from Mr Galbraith that Serbs had promised at the last minute to agree to the peaceful reintegration of Serb-held areas into Croatia. About 160,000 Serbs fled the Krajina offensive. Serbia, which originally backed the rebel Serbs in Croatia and in Bosnia, did not intervene.

The document agreed yesterday said that "a transitional authority shall be established by the UN Security Council to administer the region during the transition period."

The authority will include a way to represent the interests of the Croatian government, local Serbs, returning refugees, dis-placed persons and ethnic minorities, the document said.

The authority "will also take steps to re-establish Croatian institutions in the region such as telephones, post offices, banks, pension offices, passport and cit-



# **Jnity Day celebrations**

Bonn - Left-wing demonstra-tors skirmished with police in Düsseldorf as Germany observed the fifth anniversary of unification by toasting its achievements but lamenting that in many ways the country is still not whole.

Speeches at Unity Day observances and a television address by Chancellor Helmut Kohl made it clear: West Germany and Communist East Germany drifted so far apart during four decades of forced separation that they will not be truly united for many years to come. "It is true that not all wishes have been fulfilled in the past five years," said Mr Kohl, who as West German Chancellor steered the two Germanys to unification on 3 October 1990.

Fears among security officials that left-wing extremists would try to disrupt the government's main Unity Day celebration in Düsseldorf proved right. Before dawn, militants set alight a car, hurled stones at police and smashed the windows of a bank various weapons.
About 3,000 protesters

marched through Düsseldorf in the afternoon, flanked by not police. The demonstrators carried banners reading "Five Years of Unity - There's Nothing To Celebrate". At a rally, protesters said united Germany was heading towards militarism, pointing out the government's decision to let German soldiers take part in UN and Nato combat missions abroad. Unity Day celebrations are hosted each year by whichever of Germany's 16 regional states holds the presidency in the upper house of parliament - this year it is North Rhine-Westphalia, of which Düsseldorf is the capital.

Inside a concert hall surrounded by police, Mr Kohl, President Roman Herzog and other guests heard Johannes Rau, premier of North Rhine-Westphalia, lament that psy-chological and material barriers among Germans remain after the fall of the Berlin Wall.

"The inner divisions have disappeared, but reservations and prejudices have made some invisible gaps wider and deeper

rested six youths and confiscated be done, above all in the heads various weapons. be done, above all in the heads and hearts of Germans," said

Germans from the two parts of the country tend to be suspicious of one another, with many westerners bitter that costs have gone up to pay for unity and many easterners believing their lives are dominated by the more affluent west. Mr Rau said completing unity is Germany's "task of the century" and "bringing back together that which was forced apart ... needs time. It doesn't hap-

Reunited Germany has Europe's strongest economy, and is assuming a growing role in in-ternational affairs. But huge problems persist. Unemployment in eastern Germany remains at 14 per cent, and the region relies on government in sions of more than 150bn marks (£55.9bn) annually.

Manfred Stolpe, premier of eastern Germany's Brandenburg state, said in Potsdam: "We did not enter a merged Germany as beggars. Along with the richness of our landscape and culture, we also bring with us hard-working people and experiences that are important for the future."

## Discord mars German | £11m price-tag placed on dinosaur footprints

Ourem, central Portugal

Jurassic dinosaur footprints more than 170 million years old face destruction by mechanical diggers unless a Portuguese quarry-owner receives £11m compensation from the Lisbon government. The tracks, discovered in July last year during routine excavation of the limestone hills in Ourem, have been assessed by palaeontologists as

in the world. Rui Galinha, whose father started the quarry 35 years ago, parked in the middle of a vast, slightly tilted field of rock and pointed out the footprints that

form 20 separate tracks criss-crossing 18 acres. He said: "I would be very somy if the tracks had to be destroyed, but I have a business to run. I have been waiting 14 months and the government has done nothing. My

having to lay off workers." An American geologist, Martin Lockley, who examined the tracks said: "The site is quite unique in the world for display-

ing the best examples of brontosaur tracks known anywhere. "It is also important because the Middle Jurassic (167-187 million years ago] is a poorly-known epoch in geologic history, akin to the Dark Ages."

contractual agreements, and running out of capital to invest in new machinery.

But the Socialist leader, Antonio Guterres, appealed in mid-campaign for Mr Galinha Mr Galinha said Ernest to stay his hand until after the

company, valued the site at

film, so he gave the government an ultimatum: it paid up

by the end of August, or he

would start digging. He was run-ning out of stone to meet his

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He said villigrs in rearby Bairro had buit 10ft model of a dinosaur thatstinds beside the football pitch, a luge eggby its side. "If the nex prime minis-ter doesn't sovethis problem soon, they saytley're going to take this dinosauto Lisbonand dump it on his dorstep.



Comic cuts: Dick Tracy was one of 20 cartoon-strip characters to appear on US stamps unveiled San Francisco's Cartoon Art Museum

## Belgium put on austerity diet

RAF CASERT

Brussels — Belgium, forced into a budgetary stranjacket by the European Union, an-nounced austerity measures intended to save 100bn francs (£2bn) in order to stay on course

for the EU single currency. With new taxes and social-security cuts, the Prime Minister, Jean-Luc Dehaene, plans to reduce the 1996 budget deficit to 3 per cent of gross domestic product, a strict requirement for oining a core of EU nations that plan to forge ahead with a single currency in 1999.

The centre-left government

and increased VAT and taxes on savings and some pensions. Health and welfare spending

The budget also foresees stepping up a fight against tax fraud and plans to sell of some government properties - in-cluding the embassy in Tokyo.

We are taking today a decisive step, because the reduction of the deficit to 3 per cent is indispensable for our integration into the European Union and to reduce our debt," Mr Dehaene told parliament.

After spending freely in the 1970s and early 1980s, Belgium has amassed the biggest overall debt in the EU as a percentage of GDP, and has been trying for year to curb it. No Dehaene said le overall dest reduction was inperative but it was still expected to stand a 131.1 per cen of GDP nex year, only miranally down from a projected \$4.2 per cen

in 1995. In an effort o simulate job creation, Mr Cehaene also said the government will vaive employer contributions for salaries up to 60,000 francs \$1,350) a

The government lopes the move will cut the numer of jobless by 27,000 in 199t, after an expected rist of 1,30 in 1995. Some 630,000 people or 14.9 per cent of the population were without worf in Augus

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The military junta may have a dismal rights record, but it is tackling the burgeoning narcotics trade, David Orr reports from Kano

# Nigeria braced for war with drug lords

The woman stood before the general, her gaze downcast, her bare feet shackled. She was heavily built, in her late for-ties, and her face was blotchy and unhealthy-looking.

Mama Laide, as she was known among local traders, had been arrested at Kano airport. Customs officials had found 550g of cocaine concealed in her hair. According to her ticket, she was bound for Amsterdam, although her passport also contained visas for Switzerland and Britain.

"Look up so people can see you," growled General Musa Bamaiyi, head of the National Drugs Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA). "How many children do you have?" Glancing nervously towards where the general sat, the woman replied that she had eight children.

"Why didn't you give the drugs to your own children first, instead of taking them abroad for other people to be-come addicted to?" he asked. But the woman had nothing more to say. With a wave of his hand, he gestured for her to be led away.

It was a day of triumph for General Bamaiyi. He had paraded a convicted drug courier before the assembled Kano state officials, army officers and policemen. He had presided over an impressive little spectacle: the burning of 700kg of cannabis, heroin and cocaine seized in Kano state, northern Nigeria. The bonfire was still smouldering as the guests sipped their soft drinks and congratulated the general on his tough anti-drugs speech.

Nigeria has a dismal reputation among international drugcontrol agencies. It is one of only four countries to have been blacklisted by the US for not co-operating in the worldwide fight against drugs: the others are Burma, Syria and Iran. For years Nigeria has been known as a transit point for drugs en-

tering the US and Europe. Now, it would seem, Nigerians are extending their role in the world drug trade. No longer, anti-drug agencies say, are they simply facilitating the passage of drugs through their country or acting as couriers. They are now heavily involved in trafficking and distribution.

Their range is extensive. It is estimated that 40 per cent of heroin entering the US is smuggled in by Nigerian drug-rings. Nigerians are said to control 80 per cent of drug distribution in Atlanta and several other cities with large black populations. They are also said to be taking control of drug distribution in many parts of England, especially in the north-west.

One foreign drugs expert based in Lagos says that Nigerian operators are taking on the cartels in Colombia, Brazil and

"Nigerians now have the worst reputation for drug-trafficking of any nationality worldsays Antonio Mazzitelli of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme (UNDCP). "The Nigerians are business people and they're very good at it. Before they were content to be employed; now they're employers themselves. They buy directly

from a producer in Latin Amexica, ship directly to the UK and sell it on the streets."

What makes it particularly difficult to break up the Niger, ian drug-rings is their flexible structure: a trafficker can work for one drug baron one week then switch to another firm?

the following week.

The web of ethnic ties which binds this loosely connected fraternity is well-nigh impene-trable from the outside. "Itying to stamp out Nigerian drug traf-ficking", Mr Mazzitelli says, "is like trying to make a piece of jelly stick to the wall."

Despite the military govern-ment's appalling record on in-stituting reforms, the Nigerian authorities appear to take the drug issue seriously. Aiready Nigeria has lost millions of

dollars of American aid because age the NDLEA, known to be riddled with corruption, was shaken up. Earlier this year it was granted extra powers, enabling it to investigate and seize bank accounts suspected of holding laundered drug money.

International drug-control experts do not believe there is evidence of direct involvement in the trade by the military goverament. Corruption, however, is endemic in Nigerian society, and co-operation between po-

litical figures and drug barous cannot be ruled out. According to diplomatic sources in Lagos, General Bamaiyi has stood on so many high-ranking toes that pressure is growing inside the govern-



CHRISTO JOHNSON

A Western diplomat and residents of Freetown, the capital, reported heavy gunfire in the early hours.

"The government in the early hours with loyal forces foiled a coup plot in which six officers have been arrested and detained at the central prison," one officer said. Earlier, senior officials at Freetown's Pademha road Central Prison said six army officers had been arrested and brought to the jail,

Sources close to the govern-ment of Captain Valentine Strasser, which took power in a Freetown — Troops loyal to coup in 1992 and is fighting rebels, predicted more arrests. Military sources said heavy. fighting was raging around the southern provincial capital, Bo. They said South African mercenaries using helicopter gunships were helping government troops to retake four town-

raging for the third day, with the Revolutionary United Front

the initiative in the fighting.

## Troops foil coup in Sierra Leone

Sierra Leone's military government foiled a coup attempt vesterday and six officers were arrested, military sources said.

accused of plotting a coup.
Freetown was calm but the road to the prison was sealed off and military guards around it strengthened. Residents said they heard sustained gunfire from the direction of the military headquarters.

ships in the area seized by rebels last week. Bo residents said fighting was

> rebels putting up stiff resistance. Freetown residents said fighter jets flew sorties from the airport but that these looked different from Nigerian warplanes backing the army in the civil war which erupted in 1991.

The government hired the South Africans to train its troops after rebels came close to the capital in May. Their intervention has given the army

## **Ivory Coast to hold** poll in spite of riots

THALIA GRIFFITHS

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Abidjan - Ivory Coast's President, Henri Konan Bedie, told opposition leaders yesterday there was no question of post-poning presidential elections due in three weeks, despite violent protests which shook the country this week. "I will not go back on the electoral law," he told about 90 representatives of

political parties.

Mr Bedie, himself a candidate in the 22 October poll, attacked opposition leaders for calling protests on Monday in which at least three people were killed. The opposition wants the government to withdraw a new electoral law which prevents the former prime minister, Alassane Ouattara, from standing for president in the

It also wants an independent electoral commission to oversee

the presidential ballot and parliamentary and municipal elec-tions in November and

"The implementation of these reforms requires the postponement of the elections," said Laurent Ghagbo, leader of the main opposition party, the Ivorian Popular Front (FPI). Djeny Kobina, whose Rally of

the Republicans picked Mr Ouattara as their presidential candidate in July, has also called

for a postponement. Mr Gbagbo has refused to register his candidacy for the presidential poll, saying the vote cannot be free under the conditions set by Mr Bedie.

At least three people were killed and several wounded in protests against the electoral law on Monday. Protesters in the outskirts of Abidian threw up barricades, set fire to cars and stoned police, who responded

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## **Mollie Harris**

Martha Woodford was a village shopkeeper and an archetypal mistress of gossip. There was nothing that she did not know about her village and, if she was often wrong in what she thought she knew, the free market that is village gossip soon put her right. She had a real country inquisitiveness: she never let a red herring go.

The shop was in Ambridge. six miles south of Borchester, in Borsetshire, the home country of the Radio 4 series The Archers. To call Ambridge a "fictional" place is to plunge into a logical fallacy. On Monday to Friday between the times of 1.40 and 1.55pm or 7.05 and 7.20pm (10.15-11.15am for a long lie on Sundays) Ambridge is a far more dependable world than any in non-fiction. Since 1951, when the "everyday story of cast, Ambridge has developed its own mythic, separate exis-tence. Writers, actors, producers come and go, but nothing can stop the va-et-vient at the Bull, the pouring of tea at Brookfield, the ceaseless squabbles at Grange Farm.

Martha Woodford was the village shopkeeper. Mollie Harris was Martha Woodford. She joined the series in 1970, creating the part of Martha, widow of Herbert Lily, the postman at Penny Hassett, up the road from Ambridge beyond Lakey Hill. Two years later, at the age of 50, on Christmas Day 1972, Martha married Joby Woodford, an amiable and illiterate woodman. He it was who insisted that she take the job in the shop-cum-post-office as the employee of Jack Woolley, the local entrepreneur, proprietor of the Borchester Echo and owner of the Grey Gables Country Club.

Martha became if not a leading then a central character in the Archers story, especially so after the death of Joby, when



s: Martha in The Archers

she attracted the attentions of the roguish Joe Grundy and the down-on-his-luck Colonel Danby. The mechanics of soap writing demand regular establishing scenes in the pub, the wine bar, the shop, and there in the shop, amidst the village maelstrom. bright, decent, inveterately gossiping, always appeared Martha. her ripe voice the very spirit of country reassurance.

Jack Woolley tried to retire her once, in 1988; it was thought that she was losing her grip on the figures, that she was at a loss with VAT. But she would not be eliminated. She went part-time, sharing her duties with the stalwart Betty Tucker, martyr to a milkman husband. Only five weeks ago Martha was getting Neil Carter, the pigman turned feed rep, into trouble with his wife the ex-con Susan by talking out of turn behind the

Now Mollie Harris has died. What will happen to Martha Woodford? A BBC spokesman yesterday revealed the scriptwriters' helplessness in the face of such events, where the two battling realities of life and soap-life cross, "It is our practice," he said, "to discuss this with the family as and when appropriate." By the family, he meant not the Archers, or the Woodfords (Martha left no children), but the Harrises.
"There is no question," he added, "of recasting the part."

James Fergusson Mollie Harris had another life outside The Archers, writes Hugo Brunner. Her first book of autobiography, A Kind of Magic, recounting her childhood in West Oxfordshire, was published in 1969, the year before she joined the series. And she had by then already made a name for herself as a writer and broadcaster on rural matters in

the south Midlands. In the post-war years she wrote and contributed to programmes including In The Country, presented by Phil Drabble on the Midlands Home Service, and The Countryside. She was also one of the first voices on BBC Radio Oxford when it started broadcasting, and for a number of years she delighted listeners with her tales of the Oxfordshire country.

Her second book of memoirs, Another Kind of Magic, appeared in 1971, and the third, The Green Years, in 1976. All three were reissued this year as a trilogy, under the title All Kinds of Magic.

She was born Mollie Woodley, in Ducklington, near Witney, in 1913, and brought up in what she described as "happy poverty". But nobody who met her in later life could have guessed that she had been born before the First World War. She looked much younger than her years, and took care to conceal her age from her acquaintances. Although brought up at Ducklington, she lived for most of her life in Eynsham nearby, im-mortalising it in From Acre End: a portrait of a village (1982). Her husband, Ginger Harris, was a central heating engineer, who worked for Aldens, in Oxford. He died in 1982, and they leave a son, Peter.

Mollie Harris's autobio-

graphical works form the heart of her ocuvre but she was also the prolific author of illustrated books on local crafts and topography, including Where the Windrush Flows (1989) and Wychwood: the secret Colswold forest (1991), both illustrated with paintings by her cousin Gary Woodley. A great maker of country wines, from fruits, parsley or elderflower, she passed on her experience in A Drop o' Wine (1983). Her very special enthusiasm for tra-ditional sanitation was displayed in Cotswold Privies (1984) and Privies Galore 1990), and in two exhibitions at Cogges Museum, Witney, which she organised and launched in style.

She was slightly above average height, an ebullient figure, fond of dogs (she is survived by her spaniel Fedora), and a great walker, recounting her enthusiasm in The Magic of the Cotswold Way (1987).

She lectured and was a tremendous promoter of her own books. She used to buy them in quantity from her publishers and sell them at the end of her talks. She was a born public speaker, but for her writing was more of a struggle. Yet her books effectively convey her charm and vivacity.

For years she raised money for the Imperial Cancer Campaign by means of sales in Eyn-sham, first in her garage and, when the events grew too large for it, in the local Women's Institute hall, often opened by one of her colleagues on The

Mollie Woodley, writer, broadcaster, actress: born Ducklington, Oxfordshire 23 June 1913: married 1937 Ginger Harris (died 1982; one son); died Oxford 2 October 1995.



Sir John Eastwood

John Eastwood developed the largest integrated chicken- and egg-producing company in the world, transformed chicken from the dearest of common meats to the cheanest and initiated a decline in the price of eggs which, in real terms, still continues.

Jack Eastwood was born in 1909, the son of William and Elizabeth Townroe Eastwood. He left Queen Elizabeth Grammar School, Mansfield, at the age of 16 on the understanding that his grandfather had bought a small farm and that he would be able to work on it. But the deal fell through and instead he joined the family's civil engineering business, Adam Eastwood & Sons, started by his grandfather, who had migrated from Yorkshire to work as a carpenter on the fifth Duke of Portland's extensions to Welbeck

Abbey, near Worksop. By the time he was 21, Eastwood was put in charge of the company's biggest contract, installing sewerage at Romford, Essex. When it was finished and he had married his childhood sweetheart, Constance Tilley, Eastwood announced he in-

tended to take a farm in Essex. His father responded by buying the substantial Belle Eau Park Farm, in Bilsthorpe, to attract him back home. Eastwood then became a

farmer as well as helping with the civil engineering business, and his wife developed poultry units at Bilsthorpe which became large enough to attract local attention. They included some thousands of turkeys for Christmas and, eventually, 3,000 laying hens in homemade cages.

Following the end of the Second World War, the Nottinghamshire Agricultural Executive Committee chose John Eastwood to reclaim for farming the area of Rufford Park, on the edge of Sherwood Forest. from its wartime military use. This set him on the track of making light sandland fertile with the use of animal manures, originally using manure from a 3,000-sow pig unit.

By 1956, his attention had been caught by broiler chickens as a means of turning home-grown cereals into a higher value product to sell. His first broiler houses were fitted with

his own design of automatic feeder, the first in Britain, and he was delighted with the margins left by the chickens, which finished up at 4lb in only 11

He multiplied the houses, increased their size and developed a 3,000-tons-per-week feedingstuffs mill at Belle Eau Park, thought to be the largest in Britain at the time. A chickenpacking plant was incorporated and the plan was to repeat the pattern of mill, packing plant and broiler houses in Lincoinshire, Norfolk, Carmarthenshire, North Yorkshire and Fife. However, planning permission was refused for these sites elsewhere in Britain although eventually there were 11,000 acres devoted to the

The chicken business was run by the company set up in 1945, J.B. Eastwood Ltd, which went public in 1959, with Eastwood advising all his many friends to buy shares rather than invest in their own farms. Egg units were added to the existing broiler units from 1963 and Eastwood came close to sup-

plying 10 per cent of the national market for both chickens and eggs. He sold the poultry business for some £40m to Imperial Tobacco in 1978 and also sold his private Thorganby Estate, south of York, for £4m at about the same time. Apart from producing cheap-

er chickens and eggs, and cheaper products which com-peted with them, Eastwood showed the way to integration in farming. His poultry business had buildings built by his civil engineering business, the farms themselves produced some of the feed through the company's own mills. Eventually he moved into marketing as well, taking over a large meat-importing business for the purpose. Eastwood had begun sup-porting charitable works in west

Nottinghamshire from early in the days of the expanded poultry business. He had a particular sympathy with the coal miners which endured from the days of the 1926 General Strike, and had taken many of them to work on the Romford contract for Adam Eastwood &

He was three times president of the Newark and Nottinghamshire Agricultural Show and provided the society with a number of large buildings as well as funds to encourage other aspects of the show. He was knighted in 1975 and appointed a deputy licutement of Nottinghamshire in 1981.

At various times, he was an important benefactor to the Farmers' Club in London, the Royal Agricultural Society in Warwickshire and the Glyndebourne Opera, in Sussex. He became virtually blind in his early sixties and this extended his charitable works into new fields. including the establishment of talking newspapers in his home

C. David Edgar

John Bealby Eastwood, farmer: born 9 January 1909; founder, W. & J.B. Eastwood Ltd 1945; chairman, Adam Eastwood & Sons Ltd 1946-95; Kt 1975; married 1929 Constance Tilley (died 1981; two daughters), 1983 Mrs Joan McGowan (died 1986); died Farnsfield, Nottinghamshire 6 August 1995.

## Kenneth Parker

Kenneth Parker will be remembered for the outstanding contributions he made as head of the Police Department of the Home Office and Receiver for the Metropolitan Police District in the 1960s and early 1970s, times of thorough reorganisation of the police force.

When Parker became head of the Police Department in 1961, the report of the Royal Commission on the Police was about to be received, and it fell to him to make use of the commission's recommendations in supervising preparations for the Police Act of 1964 which provided a statutory framework for the police service which has remained largely unchanged to the present day. It was a task, involving extensive negotiations with police authorities, chief officers and police associations, for which Parker had both the

temperament and the capacity for hard work to make successful. Over the same period much was to be done in establishing a new Police College at Bramshill, in Hampshire, linked to the introduction of university places for police officers.

The arrival in 1965 of Roy Jenkins as Home Secretary brought further important developments, notably the reduction by amalgamation of more than 100 police forces to fewer than 50, which again was completed successfully after careful planning and preparation under Parker's supervision.

A new police service had thus aiready begun to emerge when Parker was appointed Receiver for the Metropolitan Police District in 1967. New organisational changes were urgently needed and it was not long before Parker succeeded,

with the approval of the Home Secretary and Sir John Waldron, the Commissioner, in implementing co-ordination of the responsibilities of the police and civil staff which had previously operated under separate offices. Parker became chief administrative officer in the force, reporting directly to the commissioner, while retaining statutory responsibility to the Home Secretary and Parliament as Accounting Officer for the

A new approach was thereby introduced to the general nagement of the Metropolitan Police with Parker, in his extended role, increasingly associated with policies affecting the force as a whole. There were serious issues to be faced, and following Sir Robert Mark's appointment as Deputy Comsioner and later as Com-

finances of the force.

missioner. Mark and Parker were in ever-growing harmony in formulation of policies to start putting matters right.

Much was achieved during Parker's seven years as Receiver, to which Mark gave generous recognition in his annual report to the Home Secretary in 1974 following Parker's retirement, concluding: "No Commissioner can ever have received more willing and valuable help from a Receiver. Few departures from Scotland Yard can have been regretted so much or with such good cause.'

Parker's early years had been much like those of others obtaining entry to the higher grades of the Home Civil Service. Leaving Tottenham Grammar School, in north London, as head boy with a scholarship for St John's College, Cambridge, he took a double First in history and entered the Home Office at the age of 22. But what followed brought distinctive and unusual features.

The first was that preparations for the Second World War took Parker into the new field of Civil Defence, leading to the headquarters of the London Civil Defence Region as London came under attack. There he made his mark with Sir Ernest Gowers, the Senior Regional Commissioner, followed after the war by selection for the Imperial Defence College and working with Sir Sidney Kirkman (Montgomery's artillery commander) in the Civil Defence Department of the Home Office.

When Parker retired in 1974 he was asked to take a role of identifying officers of promise for higher training at the Police College, and he never lost a

most close interest in developments in the service.

Much more made up the man than success in official duties. Those who worked with Parker remember particularly his integrity, which was accompanied by a most equitable temperament and lively sense of humour. Advice was always kindly given to those who sought it, and only the imprudent did not heed his words. No one who knew Kenneth

Parker well ever thinks of him without also thinking of his wife Freda, his support for 57 years. At their home at Kew shelf after shelf of books on the ground floor and rows of fine French wines in the cellar - men and women from different walks and levels of life gathered often for generous hospitality and much enjoyment.

R. A. James



Kenneth Alfred Lamport Parker, civil servant: born 1 April 1912; Assistant Under-Secretary of State, Home Office 1955-57 Head of Police Department 1961-66; CB 1959; Receiver for the Metropolitan Police 1967-74; married 1938 Freda Silcock (one son, one daughter); died 11 September 1995.

### Roye **England**

Further to your obituary of Roye England [by Austin Attewell, 16 September], Rove spoke and supported Esperanto, writes Professor John Wells.

It was when I staved overnight at his Three Poplars youth hostel as a 16-year-old that he recruited me by selling me an introductory booklet. I went on to compile the standard two-way English-Esperanto dictionary and in due course to become President of the World Esperanto Association.

Margaret Gorman Cahill, died Bowie, Maryland 1 October, aged 90. Winner in 1921 of the first Miss America beauty contest. Her prize was a 3ft-long golden mermaid.

### **BIRTHS**

BAYLEY: On 16 September 1995, to Annie (nee Stogdale) and Mark, a daughter, Matilda Lucy Beatrice. Gaughter, Manuca Lavy tecanise.

PITZSIMONS: On 28 September 1995, in Cambridge, to Philippa and Gerard, a daughter, Beatrice Louise, a sister for Olivia and Harriet. LAWSON: On 26 September 1995, at Maternite Grande-Duchesse Char-lotte, Luxembourg, to Patricia (née Newton) and Gary, a daughter, Sophie Elizabeth.

LEWIS: On 28 September, to Paul and Alison, a beautiful daughter, Caitlin ROGERSON: see FITZSIMONS.

DEATHS

AUSTIN: Desmond Harold Fryer. Died

AUSTINE Desmond Harold Fryer. Died suddenly, on 27 September, aged 69. His ashes will be placed next to his dear wife, Colette, in Highpate West Cemetery. He will be greatly missed by his two sons. Nick and Michel, his brother David, and his family and friends. The funeral will take place at Golders Green Crematorium, Hoop Lane, on Friday 6 October at 2pm.

### Births. **Marriages** & Deaths

Donations to Cancer Research Fund c/o Leverton & Sons, 0181-455 4992. BELL: Anthony Dongias, Physician, Husband of Frances, father of Diana, Andrew and Tom. Died at West Langunny, Sanday, Orkney, on 2 Oc-tober 1995. In General Practice, Rothbury, Northumberland, 1946-1976.

DENNIS: On 1 October 1995, Stephen George Polinrd, of Blackheath, Lou-don SE3, aged 55. Much-lowed hus-band of Nancy, father of Guy and Jessica, and brother of Christopher. Funeral service at 2pm, Monday 9 October at St John's Church, St John's Park, Blackheath, London SE3.

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### Birthdays

Professor Richard Batchelor, Professor Emeritus of Immunology. Royal Postgraduate School, Ham-mersmith Hospital, 64; Lord Blaker, former government minister, 73: Sir Neville Bowman-Shaw, chairman, Boss Trucks Ltd, 65; Miss Jackie Collins, author, 58; Sir Terence Conran, chairman, Conran Shop, 64; Air Chief Marshal Sir Kenneth Cross, 84; Mr Basil D'Oliveira, cricketer, 64; Mr Harry Greenway MP, 61; Dr F. Dudley Hart, rheumatologist, 86; Mr Charlton Heston, actor, 71; Sir John Hogg, former deputy chairman, ms and Givn's Bank, 83: Mr Frank Keating, sports journalist, 58;

Mr John McFall MP, 51; Mr Richard Martin, former vice-chairman, Allied-Lyons, 63; Mr Tony Meo, snooker champion, 36; Sir Hector Monro MP, 73; Dr Gareth Owen, former Vice-Chancellor, University of Wales, 72; Mr Gavin Pritchard-Gordon, racerse trainer, 50; Mr Giles Radice MP. 59: MIss Anneka Rice, television presenter, 37; Mr John Rutherford, rugby footballer, 40; The Right Re-Dr Richard Say, former Bishop of Rochester, 81; Mr Marcus Setchell, Surgeon-Gynaecologist to the Queen, 52; Sir Gervase Sheldon, for-mer High Court judge, 82; Sir James

Spicer MP, 70; Miss Ann Widde-

combe MP. Minister of State, Home

### Anniversaries Births: Lucas Cranach the Elder (Lu-

cas Müller), painter, 1472; Lucas Cranach the Younger, painter, 1515; Richard Cronwell, Lord Protector, 1626; Giambattista Piranesi, en-graver, 1720; François-Pierre Guillaume Guizot, historian and statesman, 1787; Alfred Damon Runyon, writer and journalist, 1884; Henri Gaudier-Buzeska, sculptor, 1891; Buster Keaton (Joseph Francis Keaton), comedian, 1895. Deaths: Rembrandt Harmenszoon van Rijn, painter, 1669; John Remnie, civil en-gineer, 1821; "Patsy" Elias H. Hendren, cricketer, 1962; Janis Joplin, rock singer, 1970. On this day: Peterborough Cathedral was consecrated, 1238; Miles Coverdale's translation of the Bible was published 1535; the Boys Brigade was founded by Sir William Smith, 1883; the first public escalator was opened, at Earls Court underground station, 1911; 600 French soldiers lost their lives when the French cruiser Callia was torpedoed in the Mediterranear 1916; Mrs Rebecca Ann Latimer Feiton became the first woman in the US Senate, 1922; the world's first ar-OS Schaite, 1972; the world's first artificial satellite, Sputnik I, was launched by the Soviet Union, 1957; the first transatlantic passenger jet service started operating, 1958; the first close-up pictures of the moon were made from the Soviet Lank III, 1950. Beau Paul VI because the Soviet Lank III. 1959; Pope Paul VI became the first pope to visit America when he landed at New York, 1965. Today is the

Lectures National Gallery: Mari Griffith, "Before Impressionism (i): artists in ex-

Feast Day of St Ammon, St Francis

of Assisi and St Petronius of Bologna. Today is also Yom Kippur (Day of

### ile; Delacroix, Ovid Among the Scythims", lpm. Victoria and Albert Museum

Vichael Snotin, "The Rule of Taste", 2.30 cm. Tate Gallery: Michael Grossbard,

"Christian Boltanski and the Politics of Memory", Ipm. British Museum: Shelby Mamdani, "Art and Literature in Utamaro's

Slade School of Fise Art, London WC1: Jeff Wall, "On Kawara, Monochrome Painting and Photojournal Gresham College (at Kingsway College, London WC1): Professor Ian

Stewart, "Faggot's Fretful Flasco: the insung geometry of musical scales"

### Dinners

Royal Over-Sens League Lord Archer of Weston-super-Marc was the guest of honour and speak-er at the Members' Dinner of the Royal Over-Seas League held yes-terday evening at Over-Seas House, St James's, London SW1. Sir Geoffrey Ellerton, Chairman of the League, presided.

### Wills

Sir Edward Walters Senior, of Brenchley, Kent, Director-General of the British Iron and Steel Federation 1962-66, left estate valued at £1.856.690 net. Mrs Margaret Anne Borges, of

Colchester, Essex, left estate valued at £4,457,012 net.

Changing of the Guard

## Regina v Secretary of State for the

Home Department, ex parte Normey and others; Queen's Beach Division (Mr Justice Dyson); 28 September 1995

The Home Secretary's policy of not referring discretionary life prisoners' cases to the parole board, save for some compelling reasons, until after the expiration of the tariff or penal periods of their

sentences was unreasonable

and unlawful. Mr Justice Dyson declared that the Home Secretary should have referred the ap plicants' cases to the parole board at such times as would have ensured so far as practicable that their cases were heard by the board immediately on the expiration of the tariff

or penal part of their

In 1976 the five applicants, members of the provisional IRA, were convicted of offences of attempted murder and conspiracy to cause explosions and were sentenced to terms of life imprisonment. Each was notified in 1992 that his tariff period, set for the purposes of retribution and deterrence, was 20 years. On expiry of the tariff period, the parole board would decide whether a further period

### Home Office policy on life prisoners unlawful LAW REPORT

a risk to the public. The Home Secretary refused the applicants' solicitors request to refer the cases to the parole board so that they would be heard immediately on the expiration of the tariff periods in July 1995. When the cases were referred to the board the chairman refused applications for expedition of the hearings and hearings were fixed for De-cember 1995. The applicants applied for judicial review of

those decisions. Edward Furgerald QC (B.M. Birnberg & Co) for the applicants; Kenneth Parker QC (Treasury Solicitor) for the

Mr Justice Dyson said that section 34 of the Criminal Justice Act 1991 governed the release of discretionary life prisoners. The European Court of Human Rights had held that it was the right of prisoners to be released if there was no longer a risk to the public, and prisoners were entitled under article 5(4) of the European Convention on Human Rights to a judicial determination of the

question of risk.

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should be served if there was cepted that he had a discretion to refer cases to the board before the expiration of the tariff period but the policy under section 34 was not to refer cases until after the expiration of the tariff period unless there was a compelling reason, such as the case of a terminally ill prisoner, and contended that a hearing 23 weeks later satisfied the requirements of domestic and European Convention law.

That policy was unreasonable and therefore unlawful, in the cases of prisoners who were no longer dangerous and who ought to be released on the expiry of their tariff periods, the policy produced results which were manifestly unjust. The implementation of the policy meant that prisoners who were judged no longer dangerous were required to serve sentences approximately six months longer than they

should. The policy flouted the principles of common law and the European Convention. The common law required that a discretionary life prisoner be released after completion of the The Home Secretary actariff period unless he contin-

ued to be dangerous. Article 5(4) required a speedy review of the lawfulness of the

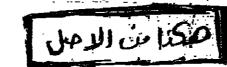
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detention. Where it was clear that the statutory provision which created the exercise of executive discretion was passed in order to bring domestic law in line with the convention, it would be perverse to hold that, when considering the lawfulness of the exercise of the discretion, the court must ignore the

convention. Nor could the policy be saved by invoking considerations of convenience and pragmatism where what was at stake was the liberty of the subject. It could not be stated too strongly that, once the prisoner had served the tariff period. he had paid the penalty imposed by the court to meet the needs of retribution and deterrence: detention thereafter could not be justified unless the prisoner continued to be dangerous. The ECHR had held that a period of eight weeks delay before a hearing was difficult to reconcile with the notion

of "speedily". However, the decision to refuse expedition of the hearings could not be impugned as irrational or unlawful.

Ying Hui Tan, Barrister



# news analysis

# Can the City halt London's drift to the east?

Now that Paul Reichmann is back at Canary Wharf, the capital's geography could shift fast. Paul Vallely and John Willcock report

The jarret d'agneau was reduced to half-price, a mere £7, as was the regout de lotte et coquillages; even the filet de boeuf was only half its usual £17.50 per head. Starched white tablecloths came to Canary Wharf for the first time yesterday with the opening of a Docklands offshoot of the smart West End eaterie, the Café Pelican, decked out in its familiar green and gold and Art Deco lighting.

It is a sign of the times, that com-bination of up-market style and aggressive marketing. For though Pelican's meals may only be halfprice for the restaurant's opening week, the war between Canary Wharf and the City of London will last a good deal longer as they recommence the contest to house the main growth in the nation's key financial institutions in the next

Canary Wharf, the 4.5 million square foot development featuring the 850ft tower that is Britain's highest building, was the great white hope of the Eighties boom and the great white elephant of the worldwide property crash of the early Nineties, when the Reichmann brothers and their Olympia & York company suffered simultaneous property disasters in New York, Toronto and London.

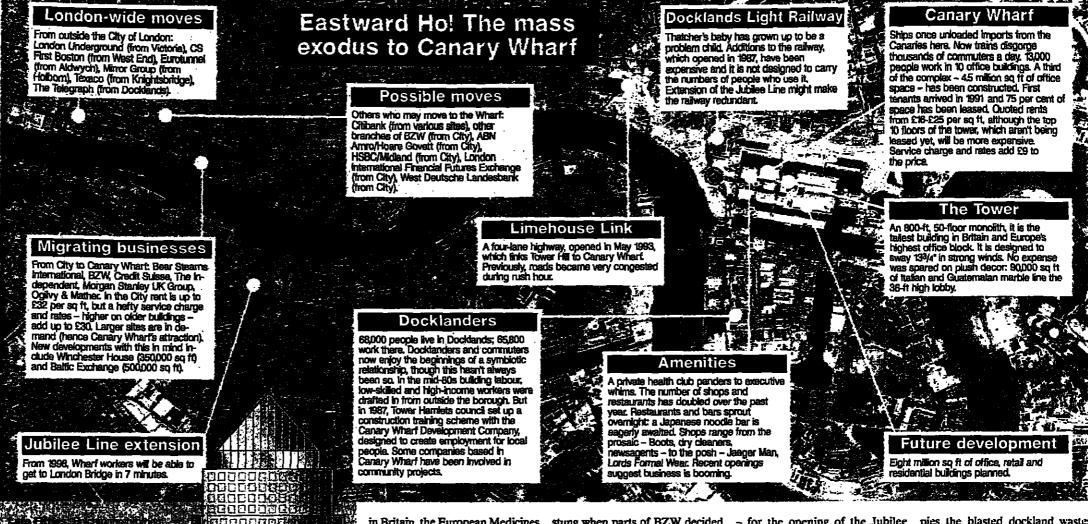
Canary Wharf went into administration in 1992 and was run by the 11 banks from whom the Reichmanns had borrowed until Monday, when a consortium of investors led by one of the brothers, Paul Reichmann, bought the development for a reported £800m. City analysts are clear about one thing. The gentle-man's agreement reached when the banks called the shots - that the Docklands development would not poach big banks and finance houses from the Square Mile - is off.

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Reichmann is noted for his aggressive and adventurous deals to lure new tenants from the City, often involving the purchase of the leases on their old premises or tempting side-agreements on Manhattan properties in the Reich-

But one of the other key players in the consortium is Michael Price, an American financier who is known as one of the world's most pugnacious investors. Price has a vigorously interventionist track record of buying into troubled or undervalued situations, shaking the business with considerable force, and then selling at a vast profit - he bought one semi-bankrupt drug company for \$9m, turned it inside SOLULIU DOL H \$600m. The gloves will now come off in the fight between Canary Wharf and the City.

Things had already started to move in 1993 under Sir Peter Levene, former head of procurement at the Ministry of Defence, who became head of the new Canary Wharf Company when the banks took over from the administrators. Under his tutelage Canary Wharf has added to its client list the Personal Investment Authority (the Government's official personal finance watchdog) and the first European Union body to be based



in Britain, the European Medicines Evaluation Agency.

More recently the investment bank BZW, the merchant banking arm of Barclays, announced a £200m move of some of its 2,500 employees to the Isle of Dogs development, where it will join the oil multinational Texaco, the investment bank Morgan Stanley, the British arm of Credit Suisse, the advertising group Ogilvy & Mather, a large part of London Underground's administration and eight national newspapers including the Daily Mirror, Daily Telegraph and Independent. Sir Peter recently did a tour of the Far East in an attempt to persuade more corporations, including Samsung in Korea, to base their European headquarters

"We're very pleased," said Sir Peter, who has been asked by executive. "This development was valued at £50m two years ago, so to go for a price of around £800m is not bad."

at Canary Wharf.

The City affects to be less impressed Michael Cassidy, chairman of the policy and resources committee of the Corporation of London, yesterday firmly played down the significance of the Reichmann deal. "Whether the banks own Canary Wharf or Mr Reichmann owns it doesn't change our stance." He complains bitterly of Canary Wharf's recent "poaching" of City institutions and was clearly

stung when parts of BZW decided in the spring to relocate from the City eastwards to Canary Wharf "without even talking to us".

Now Cassidy is bracing himself for a new phase of the battle. Canary Wharf currently offers almost half the rent and servicecharge package of the City, and is holding out the inducement of substantial rent-free periods - as long as two years. For this, tenants are locked into long leases.

At stake in the forthcoming struggle are at least six investment banks looking for vast new offices. New technology and systems mean they all need big dealing floors. The problem is that the City has few sites to build the new blocks required, whereas Canary Wharf can build as big as required, and to the customer's specification. Cassidy counters, in defence of the City: "We Wharf, but we have quality of environment, proximity to all the key players and transport access, par-ticularly to Heathrow. And you can walk from meeting to meeting in the City - Canary Wharf has still some

way to go."
Indeed. While the Docklands Light Railway has improved considerably since it was installed, it is still subject to irritating delays. And although access by road has been transformed since the opening of the £450m Limehouse Link tunnel, the island will have to wait until 1998 - or 1999, say pessimists the part of Greenwich which occu- Additional reporting by Scott Hughes.

- for the opening of the Jubilee Line extension which will link it directly to the London Underground. Those who built a similar large-scale office development at La Défense outside Paris took the precaution of installing the

transport infrastructure before any-

Will the eastward drift end in Docklands? Thirteen years ago, when Michael Heseltine was Environment Secretary, he set up the London Docklands Development Corporation (LDDC) to promote a grander scheme along a 40-mile corridor, across "a bead of towns" strung beside the Channel tunnel high-speed rail link. The dream of Thames Gateway - Hezzagrad, as it was irreverently dubbed - would cover six east London boroughs

which had lost nearly 60,000 jobs between 1981 and 1991. "Docklands adviser, Peter Hall, professor of Planning at University College, London. More recently Michael Howard. another Environment Secretary, spoke of a "golden corridor" up to 30 miles long on both sides of the Thames and announced a £4.5bn plan for government investment in

region. We shall see. Certainly the Jubilee Line is to be extended beyond Canary Wharf to

a new road and rail link which

would bring 100,000 new jobs and

the same number of homes to the

pies the blasted dockland waster inside the next great meander to the east. The LDDC is to concentrate now on developing the Royal Docks a huge area to the east of Canary Wharf, the size of the West End and the City put together.

Three big projects are planned according to Michael Pickard, chairman of the LDDC, to "increase the pull of the East End to investors". First is an urban village being developed by the building group Wimpey. Second, the corporation is planning an exhibition centre, and third there is a university of technology

and a science park.

But the LDDC is soon to be wound up by fiat of the Government, leaving the development of the region to the combined influences of the market and a group of left-wing councils not traditionally friendly to new business developthe Docklands have been regenerated if it had been left to the local authorities," says Pickard.

None of which will bother the Reichmann consortium. So far only one-third of Canary Wharf has been built. Planning permission exists for another 8 million square feet and the foundations - the most time-consuming part of a new building - are already laid. It will take months, not years, to throw up the rest. That is when the money will

## Dordogne Diary

### ANGELA LAMBERT

The jaunty notes of Ride-A-Cock-Horse herald my most reliable source of information here in rural France: the BBC World Service at seven o'clock Greenwich Mean Time most mornings. It is salutary to hear the news according to global rather than national, let alone tabloid, priorities. Princess Diana is never mentioned, nor are footballers, film stars, charismatic healers or media moguls. It is austere, considered and finely balanced.

On Monday, news of the detonation of the second French nuclear test

explosion — five times more powerful than last month's - led the bulletin followed by the verdict in the trial of the terrorists who bombed the World Trade Centre in New York, and an earthquake in western Turkey. The first mention of British news - the start of the Labour Party conference - came well below the Portuguese elections in order of significance.

easternmost corner of the Dordogne they are far less excited about the second nuclear test than the fact that Eric Cantona's reappearance on the pitch after his nine-month ban was reputedly greeted with the singing of the "Marseillaise". When President Chirac appeared on French television to debate the nuclear issue, he said only: "There is no changing my mind." Secretly, many French admire this return to old-style Gaullist obstinacy. They cite the regal manner of Margaret Thatcher in the mid-Eighties, with whom they already compare their new president. His

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Change our mind? Not us

in the bars and cafés of this south-casternmost corner of the Dordogne | view, they say, is: "I'm the President; Down here in the south-west,

under the stippled blue skies of a languid and beautiful autumn, it is quite hard to get the décontractés locals to talk politics at all. Two things that do get them going. however, are corruption in politics and the policy knows as "l'exclusion".

Corruption is endemic. The meadow behind my house is owned by a local peasant farmer; the meadow in front belongs to me. Both, like the house itself, command a wonderful view across more than 20 miles of soft green valley, overlooking a single mellow stone farm on the opposite hillside. When I explain around here, optimistically, that the rear meadow is designated as agricultural land and I am thus protected from the building of any other house, the local response is a hand cupped significantly behind the back ... meaning that with a backhander slipped to the right people, the rules will count for nothing. When it comes to great cities such as Nice or Grenoble the bribes are said to run into millions of francs. Is this true, or just the age-old peasant suspicion of authority?

"L'exclusion" refers to recent decisions in some cities to crack down on people with Aids, tramps and chronic alcoholics. The mayor of Paris has made it illegal to be drunk on the streets. It may be a cheap bid for

political popularity but you hear many people say they are wholly in favour of the policy. That France has moved and continues to move to the right is beyond doubt.

There is a third great issue, come to

think of it: terrorism. The current

wave of attacks by a group that is the more sinister for being nameless – the bombing of the Place de FEtoile, the Paris mátro and the TGV - has left France in the grip of an invisible and all-pervasive fear such as has not been seen on the British mainland since the mid-Seventies. French police have carte blanche to take any necessary measures against terrorism. Since the bombing of the Jewish school in Lyons, schools throughout France are guarded by the police and parking in front of them is prohibited. This applies even in my peaceful village of Grolejac, whose infants' school has a barrier crected

Our local equivalent of Time Out is a newspaper called L'Essor Sarladais, or "Going out in Sarlat". It has always been my ambition to appear in its pages, and I have just managed it - twice. First by befriending an abandoned black kitten whom we felt obliged to advertise in the paper's Lost and Found section

oatside it.



Shake hands? Not us

peines"). Happily no one has rung up to claim her, so we waste hours watching her prance after butterflies and chase lizards. The French are notoriously unkind to cats and indeed regard most animals as useless unless they work or can be eaten. Our kitten. as though mindful of this, caught a mouse within hours of her arrival and we now have a mouse-free house and an almost lizard-free garden. Rest assured, we have found a good home for her when we leave.

The second burst of media attention came about because my third novel, the first to have been translated into French, was published here three weeks ago. I approached the office of L'Essor Sarladais with a copy. The editor (its only member of staff) proved extremely tractable, reproducing the lengthy jacket blurb in its entirety the following week. Now at last local people believe my claim to be une écrivaine – although l doubt whether in England the launderette owner would have asked for a copy, tried to pay me nearly £20 for it, kissed me on both cheeks when I pressed it on her as a gift, and finally insisted that I should in return accept this week's washing free of charge.

It signals a great step towards acceptance when a French person greets you with a handshake, and yet another step when the handshake becomes a kiss. We have patronised the Café Divan in Gourdon - the little town due south of us, just over the departmental border into the Lot - for more than a decade. This year for the first time its elderly waiter, his splendid handlebar moustache curled and twisted upwards at each end and dyed an improbable black, greeted my partner with a handshake. This is the café in which, according to Selina Hastings's biography, the redoubtable Nancy Cunard - eccentric socialite and patron of the arts, in particular black writers and poets of the Thirties and Forties - spent the last months of her life before dying, alone and abandoned, in a hospital outside Paris. The café still has more than a touch of the raffish. A notice in the entrance proclaims: "Café fumeurs. Non-fumeurs acceptes."





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## Nicole's killer is still free

On the night of Sunday 12 June 1994 in Brentwood, California someone murdered Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman. Yesterday, when the "not guilty" verdict was read to the court-room in Los Angeles and OJ Simpson, Nicole's ex-husband, walked free to the cheers of a large crowd, the sound of sob-bing could be heard. The grief belonged to Nicole's family, deprived of a judgment that might have ended their suffering.

Many will shake their heads at the verdict, believing that justice has signally failed to be done. They may wonder what - short of video evidence - it would have taken to convict Simpson of the killings. Such feelings must be tempered by two considerations. The first is that only the jury can really know whether the weight of the evidence presented allowed conviction "beyond reasonable doubt". The rest of us are left to speculate.

The second concerns race. When the history of the trial comes to be written it is quite probable that its chroniclers will fix on Detective Mark Fuhrman as the man who swung the case. Fuhrman's testimony was central to the prosecution's case. It was important that he should be accepted by the jury as being above reproach: a conscientious and honest policeman doing his best for justice. And at first that was how he appeared. Then a jury, consisting of nine black people - all of whom will have experienced racism in a city scarred by race - were confronted with compelling evidence that Detective Fuhrman was a liar, a bigot and a racist.

Even before the Fuhrman revelations surfaced, the racial character of the trial had been established in polls showing that

a preponderance of white Americans thought him guilty, while blacks believed that he was probably innocent. To whites it was literally inconceivable that a com-plex plot could have been hatched amonest Californian law-enforcers to TV personality. Blacks, with the Rodney King case fresh in their minds, had no such difficulty. With Fuhrman's exposure, any claim that the Los Angeles Police Department could make to putting justice first collapsed in rubble.

So what emerges from all this? There must be some deep misgivings about the nature of the adversarial system of justice, relying as it does on the seeking out of weak points in an argument, rather than in a quest for truth. Then there is the shared but slightly guilty voyeurism, slaked only by the misfortunes of others, and in which the American tabloid press has played a particularly unpleasant and demeaning role.

Many would add the televising of the trial on the debit side of the balance sheet. And it is true that a terrible trivialisation of the deaths of two innocent human beings did result from the theatricality of the process. But would the unreconstructed racism of the LAPD have come to light, had the case not been played out before the cameras? Almost certainly not.

Above all, however, the significance of the OJ trial is the terrifying polarisation in US society between Americans of dif-ferent colours and backgrounds. Whether the jury's verdict is right or wrong. Nicole Simpson's relatives must know that whoever killed her is probably still free because of the racism of the Los Angeles police.

## Can Labour find the promised land?

able year in which he has turned the Labour Party inside out and convinced most of the faithful that the sweater looks better with the seams showing, he had to address the country and talk not about new Labour but about the new Britain he believes a Labour government can construct.

The requirement was for a speech that combined vision, compelling analysis of the country's problems and a credible indication of the policies that will effect the change the country needs.

Mr Blair's Christian social democratic vision was powerfully restated. Socialism, he declared, was not about the state, economics or politics, but about moral purpose. "We aren't simply people set in isolation from each other, face to face with eternity, but members of the same family, community, the same human race. This is my socialism." Even in an atheistic and agnostic age, hearts will be stirred by this. It promises a break with the bleak commercialism of recent years and an optimism about the potential for change without which politics is nothing. Mr Blair's declared journey is towards "a young country" where the eager embrace of new technology and a more effective education system drive forward economic performance and its citizens' sense of fulfilment.

But the more searching question is whether Blair's analysis and his list of mostly familiar policies represents a convincing agenda for creating this new

Tony Blair knew what he had to do in Britain, the "young country" of his imagination. Here the speech must be judged a failure. What it needed to do was to work through a handful of major policy thoughts and to explain how Labour's distinctive and coherent approach would effect not mild reform but a transformation.

Two examples will make the point. On education. Labour still sounds painfully confused. Is Mr Blair intending to act. against the "two classes of state schools" he warned against yesterday? Or does he really think that a harder drive on standards and class sizes will deliver the goods? Equally, his cheeky prime ministerial deal with BT about free connections to the superhighway for public institutions in return for allowing the company to get into the video business raises more questions than it answers. What does it tell us about Labour's view of its relationship with the private sector? Should government tax and regulate (at arm's length) these businesses to protect the consumer's interest? Or, should a Labour prime minister be directly pursuing oneoff sweetheart deals with captains of industry?

This is the kind of muddle that will become more problematic as Labour sprinkles more policies across the seedbed of the Blair vision. In government it could be disastrous.

No one can doubt Mr Blair's integrity or his ambition. He said yesterday that he was playing not for a single election victory but to put Labour into power for a generation. He still has much work to do.

### ANOTHER VIEW Mary Kenny

## **Calvary of Catholic Ireland**

From time immemorial Ireland has been described as a Catholic country that was hopelessly priest-ridden. "They are all Papists by their profession," wrote Edmund Spenser in the 16th century, setting the tone, "but in the same, so blindly and brutishly informed, for the most part, as you would rather think them infidels." For the next 400 years, outsiders have scolded, berated, persecuted, ridiculed and nagged at the Irish for their extraordinary loyalty to the Roman Church and its teachings. Against this barrage of external pressure Catholic Ireland stood firm.

To the priesthood the Irish people gave a very special trust and loyalty. These were men sprung from a peasant order -and, by virtue of their celibacy, immune from the dynastic temptations of placing their sons in positions of power and marrying their daughters off to rich politicians. Whatever the faults of the Irish Catholic priest, he generally observed punctifiously the chastity that he so sternly

Now, suddenly, Catholic Ireland seems to be collapsing from within. In Dublin, the newspapers, radio and television lead editions and bulletins with priestly scandals. priestly sex abuse, and apparent episcopal covering-up of such sins, for sin is what the Irish Catholic church would have called such lapses from the ideal in its heyday

Some commentators see the root of the crisis in the authoritarianism of the Irish Catholic Church, but my reading of Irish Catholic material from the past 20 years

leads me to quite a different conclusion From about the mid-Seventies onwards, the Irish Catholic Church has been increasingly liberal and even left-wing in tone and attitude. Practically every Episocopal let-ter and statement from the Irish hierarchy since 1978 has taken up the theme (to rephrase John Major) of "understanding a little more and blaming a little less".

It was not because many of the offenders who have brought the Church in Ireland to such a position of shame were dealt with in an "authoritarian" way - but because they were dealt with in a forgiving, molly-coddling, indulgent way - that the problem endured. Cardinal Daly seems to have believed that saying sorry, with a "firm purpose of amendment", was enough to dissolve the offence of paedophilia; a perusal of the devotional literature from Catholic Ireland in the Fifties would show that pardon was withheld from any penitent until moral restitution was fully assured. Saying sorry was not considered to be sufficient for abso-

lution until the post-Vatican II liberalism. What the Irish Catholic Church needs today is not more democracy - but more authority and a bit more toughness about right and wrong. It needs to keep its nerve, and accept, too, the Calvary it is now fac-ing. Irish Catholicism was forged in suffering and always found renewal through pain. It will do so again: le cunamh De.

Mary Kenny's study 'Goodbye to Catholic Ireland?' will be published in 1996.



I wonder what our sentence is going to be?

### - LETTERS TO THE EDITOR -

### How to prevent tragedy and return Nigeria to democracy

From Mr Zaya Yeebo and others Sir: On the 35th anniversary of Nigeria's independence from British colonial rule, we would like to add our voice to the growing call for increased pressure on the Nigerian military govern-ment to listen to the demands of its people and end the cycle of violence, state terrorism and gross abuse of human rights in

The military junta headed by General Sani Abacha has trampled upon all forms of peaceful opposition in the country and sent most of the pro-democracy movement leadership into jail or exile. In addition, there are hundreds of people in detention under pain of death sentence, life imprisonment and long jail terms on trumped-up charges.

The international community has to help the pro-democracy forces in Nigeria. The regime needs trade, commerce, and diplomatic acceptability to keep it in power. It is amenable to pressures from these quarters. There is much that NGOs, human rights organisations, the British press and well-meaning people in the UK can do to put pressure on the British government, parliament and political parties in this country to achieve a complete isolation of the Abacha regime, and to help the process of return to democratic rule in Nigeria.

Instead of us preparing for the "tragedy waiting to happen", we can prevent it from happening by campaigning and lobbying for: 1. The release of all political detainees without conditions.

Drawbacks of the

Sir. Whether we want it or not,

we are going to be saddled with

the metric system. However, Tom

Wilkie ("Drop your feet and use your fingers," 30 September), in

trying to persuade us that it is a Good Thing, perhaps unwittingly blows the gaff when he writes "we have 10 fingers and therefore count in tens." Quite: the metric

system was devised for a back-

ward, uneducated, newly liber-ated peasantry. Sophisticated societies, such as industrialised

Britain, had a more sensible sys-

tem that needed regularising,

not abolishing.

It's typical of metric that its foundation, supposedly a "nat-

ural" distance, turned out to be

wrongly calculated so that the

metre finished up, like the yard,

as an arbitrarily decided length.
As the kilogram was supposed to
be the weight of 1,000cc of pure

water, one would expect the co

and the centilitre to be the same,

but they are not. I have found three standards for the metre:

one given by Dr Wilkie, one based on the wavelength of the

Sir. Your article on the dilemmas

facing those who are to decide on

the fate of the tower blocks of the

Sixties asks for readers' comments

("Brutalist, original, but a slum,"

By all means preserve the Bru-

talist monuments. But, at the same

time, ensure that those who are to

live in them truly wish to do so.

And invite those who call for their Bromley, Kent

Home truths

2 October).

From Mr Matthew Cooper

metric system

From Mr Charles Fyffe

2. Restoration of all elected institutions at local, state and national levels, including the

presidency.
3. The release of all those serving jail terms, including life, and those suffering the pain of the death sentence over trumped-up charges of attempting to overthrow the government

4. Isolation of the Abacha regime internationally through mandatory economic sanctions, and diplomatically. Yours sincerely, ZAYA YEEBO Editor, The African WASSA FATTY Chairman, Africa Research and Information Bureau

KAYODE PAYEMI Editor, Nigeria Now NAPOLEON ABDULAI Editor, Africa World Review TAJUDEEN ABDUL-RAHEEM General-Secretary, Pan African Movement London, SE1 29 September

From Mr L. T. Robbins Sir: It is hoped that no one is surprised or encouraged by anything that General Sani Abacha had to say in his Nigerian Independence Day anniversary speech.

Nigeria is a complex country, of this there is no doubt. It took a transition plan of eight years by the Babangida administration (in which General Abacha was a key player) to put in place all the necessary political paraphernalia required to form 598 local governments; 31 state governors, state legislators, the federal House of Representatives, the

the standard yard at the Board of Trade, on a metal bar at Sevres.

The standard Imperial lengths are, or were, set in the wall on the

north side of Trafalgar Square.

in a white coat and a lab-full of

electronics and laying your ruler

along a metal bar, most people

of metric that we use units as

small as the gram and millimetre,

the second a measurement many

people can hardly see. It means

that quite small amounts and

lengths have to be expressed in

three figures, which makes men-

tal arithmetic difficult if not

Sir: What about hens? When

must they stop laying in half

preservation to take up residence. "Honesty to materials" can then be accompanied by "truth to the

ideas one imposes on others"....

demolish, let not their architects

feel anguished. For they have suc-

ceeded in their aim. Their blocks

did change society - or, rather, the

people whose lives were led inside

If, however, the decision is to

impossible.

Yours faithfully,

CHARLES FYFFE

From Mr Ian Duke

London, NW6

Yours faithfully,

Thames Ditton,

Yours faithfully,

MATTHEW COOPER

IAN DUKE

Surrey

Given a choice between a man

Senate, etc. (All, incidentally, later dissolved by General Abacha.) So, everything was in place and up and running by the time the presidential elections took place on 12 June 1993. Under the two-party system (the multi-party system had been rejected by the military as "too divisive"), Chief Moshood Abiola of the Social Democratic Party and Alhaji Otman Tofa of the National Republican Party vied for the presidency. Chief Abiola, having found popular support across all regions, religious, ethnic and occupational groups, secured 58 per cent of the vote in an election recognised

ruption and maladministration. I read with interest last week, that it may be possible to travel back in time. Would that we people of Nigeria. could, for it is this concept that offers Nigerians the only hope they have for a future that encompasses freedom, hope, integrity and dignity. For they must, with the help of Britain, Europe, the US and the

Commonwealth, go back to 12 June 1993. Yours faithfully, L T ROBBINS Bloxwich, Staffordshire 2 October

From Mr Neville Linton Sir: David Orr's interesting article ("Nigeria waits for dictator to speak", 29 September) states that "the Commonwealth human

Indian reforms

rights commission recently called for Nigeria's expulsion from the Commonwealth when heads of government meet in New Zealand in November". Presumably be is referring to the just-released report of the Com-monwealth Human Rights Initiative's (CHRI) Mission to Nigeria and, if so, I would like to stress that the Mission has not so

However, if did suggest the suspension of Nigeria from future Commonwealth official meetings if the Abacha regime did not rapidly commence a credible process of return to democratic order. It should also be noted that as free and fair by national and the recommendations for sancinternational observers. The national itary lost its nerve, annualled the election and plunged Nigeria tione to be read in tandem. with the call on Commonwealth Heads to offer to the Nigerian into a downward spiral of corregime their good offices in helping to broker a transition program acceptable to the pro-

democracy forces and to the Given the nature of the Commonwealth relationship, the CHRI does not recommend sanctions lightly. As Chairman Kamal Hossain noted in the foreword to the Mission's report:

we would not wish to punish Nigerian citizens for the crimes committed by their unelected government. We greatly hope that Commonwealth pressure, following this report, will prove effective in returning Nigeria to democracy. Sincerely,

NEVILLE LINTON Member CHRI Mission to Nigeria

sumer goods, it has done little to

improve the plight of the poor and destitute. Economic liberal-

isation, instead of creating eco-

nomic parity and price stability, has resulted in a phenomenal

increase in the cost of living, thereby making it extremely dif-

ficult for an average Indian fam-

ily to make both ends meet.

After initial hiccups and

teething problems, economic reforms would no doubt generate

steady growth and prosperity in

the past two decades has amply demonstrated, is likely to be

accompanied by fragmentation

and atomisation of Indian society

leading to moral corruption, per-

missiveness and social decay. It is

the fear of social disintegration,

not anti-West xenophobia, which

has abetted the virtual collapse of

India's economic liberalisation

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From Mr Randhir Singh Bains Sir: Tim McGirk rightly attributes ("India turns its back on Western ways", 29 September) the slowing down of India's economic reforms to the climate of zenophobia generated by nationalist politicians. However, it is pointwould, quite rightly, choose the latter. It's in keeping with the nonsense attending the adoption ess to blame the opposition parties, for they are merely articulating the fear and apprehension of voters. Mr McGirk should also have emphasised that in India it is the ordinary people, not the Western-educated upwardly mobile elite, who have been forced to pay the price for

economic reforms. Since economic reforms were introduced and the food subsidy abolished at the insistence of the World Bank and the IMF, food prices and the cost of other essentials have soared to an unprecedented level. While economic liberalisation has transformed the lives of India's rich and powerful by giving them access to an unlim-

### Monumental error Bank of the Thames. This is

From Mrs Judith Harvey-Rogers Sir. In your article "On the banks of the Thames, a 40-foot bust of Churchill" (20 September), it is stated that the Churchill Society has supported the erection of a monumentalsized sculpture of a bust of Sir Suffolk Winston Churchill on the South 25 September

RANDHIR SINGH BAINS Gants Hill, Essex 1 October incorrect. At no time has the society been consulted or involved in any way with this project. Yours faithfully,

### JUDITH HARVEY-ROGERS Secretary The Churchill Society Ipswich,

programme. Yours faithfully,

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### Tell the truth in Parliament

From Mr Michael Burrell Sir: Your front-page story ("Secrets of the MPs who help lobbyists," 3 October) is not a balanced account of what I said at a conference on Monday and, subsequently, to your Westminster

correspondent Chris Blackhurst. After the conference he asked me to amplify comments I had made about the House of Lords. It rapidly became clear that he meant the House of Commons, since his interest was in standing committees which deal with Bills. The committee stage for a Bill in the Lords is taken on the floor of the House, not in a standing

committee. I repeated to him - common knowledge, not a "secret" - that MPs who wanted to sit on a standing committee for a partic-ular B ill would seek to speak on Second Reading, since demonstrating an interest in the Bill in this way was one of the factors taken into account by the party whips when they recommend who should be on the committee.

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I said that MPs who wanted to be on a committee would be well advised to demonstrate an interest in the Bill as a whole, rather than just a narrow point, and to speak in a moderate (not moderated) rather than an

extremist way.

I was, indeed, angry, not for the reason implied – I have never known an MP who said one thing to get on a committee, and then said another - but because your reporter's question bore no relation to the point I was making.

Chris Blackhurst chose not to report one of the main pieces of advice I gave at this conference. as at every conference I have ever spoken at on lobbying - "lell the truth". Yours faithfully MICHAEL BURRELL Managing Director London, SW1

### Art of invention

3 October

From Mr Michael Parkin the long run. But such prosperity, as the Western experience of Sir: The caption to David Ekserdijian's article "The art of lying" (23 September) refers to Bruno Hat as a "non-existent artist". Although Hat was the invention of Brian Howard, Evelyn Waugh and Harold Acton, the highly accomplished rope paintings attributed to him were actu-ally by John Banting and were produced for an exhibition at the house of Bryan Guinness (later Lord Moyne) in Grosvenor Street, Westminster on 23 June

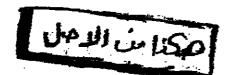
> Lady Diana Mosley thought the paintings lovely and one which I still own was actually purchased by Lytton Strachey. Yours sincerely, MICHAEL PARKIN London, SW1 26 September

### Leap in value

From Mr E. M. Noyes Sir: Perhaps the German finance minister, Theo Waigel, expects a lively currency, as the Euro is a variety of small kangaroo. Yours truly. E. M. Noyes Gomshall, Surrey

2 October





## comment

## Wired up and baring his soul

Tony Blair's youthful new Britain is tinged with nostalgia and revivalism. But it does offer a choice

What was Mary Wilson thinking? Tony Blair was giving her, and us, an eerily intense taste of the early Sixties, when Britain seemed optimistic, smart and young again. Though a Durham schoolboy when Harold Wilson was white-hot-heating intellectually Blair is a child of that brief, sunlit time, who echoed Kennedy and Wilson in his celebration of youth, of technology, of patriotism and in his central claim, that the state can be used for Christian purpose.

To say that his vision of newness is tinged with nostalgia is not to sneer at it. What was wrong with Wilson wasn't his language but that he betrayed his words by his actions in power. Revisionist history has demolished the icon of Kennedy, reducing him to a perpetually tumescent warmonger. But the rush of political idealism both men described and stood for during that short period of Western optimism was precious. It was the essence of all progressive politics. Was then - and is

In being as youthfully, almost boyishly, idealistic, Tony Blair was showing his true self and disinterring an aspect of the Sixties that has been too generally forgotten by the low disillusioned decades that followed. But he was taking a risk with his project and with the rest of us, for his basic proposition was not political. It was

religious.
He described the next general election as nothing less than "a battle for the soul of our nation". He spoke of his generation as one which enjoyed a thousand material advantages over any previous one, but which suffered "a depth of insecurity and spiritual

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doubt they never knew". They were "frightened for our future and unsure of our soul". By contrast, he wanted a "country reborn". This is the language of revivalism. Blair's offer was less a change in the priorities of the

administration, than the promise of

spiritual regeneration. All political leaders go it a bit. But this was going it a lot. What follows is that people will either feel the faith, and be unusually inspired, jerked back into an interest in politics; or they will turn away in disgust. As a nation we have been let down before by finesounding political promises and it is a dangerous thing to tamper with our

precious cynicism.

Had Wilson and Kennedy not raised such hopes, their later fallibility might not have aroused such bitterness. For Blair to escape that, he must be offering a solid, worked-out series of policies which he has some chance of implementing. On that test, how well did he do?

When it came to political reform, there was the sense of ambition and the bones of a programme that really would change this country. Here at least, his claim to make this a "young country" again has substance. Labour proposals on local government are particularly radical. I would have liked a stronger message on pluralism. But that's a carp - there comes a point when erecting hurdles for a politician and then booing when he clears them starts to look a little churlish.

Across the broad range of public services, this was an unequivocal attack on Tory neo-liberalism but one which failed to give us all the answers



### Columnist of the Year

It is a dangerous thing to tamper with our precious cynicism

On education in particular, the pledge that there would be "no return to selection, academic or social" came naked and surrounded by questionmarks. What does this mean for the large number of state-sector schools which are already selecting? What does it mean for the Oratory? I didn't get the impression afterwards that this had been thought through.

His most dramatic flourish was the revelation of Labour's agreement with British Telecom about cabling up schools, hospitals, libraries and other public institutions. This was one of a series of announcements that helped to convey the impression that Labour wasn't only poised to govern but had almost started governing already. Other examples include the use of Professor Robert Winston's ideas on regional centres of excellence in health specialisms, and the warning on rail privatisation, which will affect the wiring up Britain left some key questions hanging. The most political prob-lem is the dominance of Murdoch's empire in the pay-TV sector, as he develops his black box control system and slowly but methodically mops up the sporting events once available to every viewer. For reasons which are not hard to fathom, this tricky question was avoided.

The idea of Blair already being a powerful player who deals in a prac-tical way with other powerful players, is an important part of his strategy. BT had had similar conversations with the current government but they broke down when the company was unable to get the relaxation of regulations it wanted. It is only a little startling that they turned to Labour.

It all helps make the idea of a change of administration seem think-able, even inevitable. Even so, there is a residual big-boy corporatism in the party which it needs to be careful about. The generation now running Labour are Wilson's children in more ways than one.

So this was not a perfect speech. It was rather too long and conventionally shaped. As a platform poet, Tony Blair will never match the coiled, nape-tickling anger of Kinnock at his best, or the chatty thoughtfulness of Paddy Ashdown.

But after that hour of oratory yesterday, Conservatives who allege that Blair has nothing to say bar platitudes and generalities will have a far harder job convincing the country that they're

For there is a programme emerging price of the sale - and may help to here with the capacity to generate an epic.

scupper it. But even the promises on national excitement, if we choose to let ourselves become excited. There is an ideology, too - though interestingly there is no word that quite describes it. Blair is not a socialist. "Social democrat" underplays the political reformism and the moralism of his platform. And he is no kind of liberal. neither neo-liberal nor old liberal, not an economic liberal, and not a social liberal, either.

Maybe we are simply going to have to talk about Blairism and leave it at that. Perhaps, even before he makes his bid for power, this man has already earned the right to be a noun.

And the noun is certainly in control of its party; for what was cheeringly absent from the speech was lengthy navel-gazing about the nature of Labour, it wasn't needed because that battle is over. A party which is embracing Lord Owen's admirers and which Arthur Scargill is thinking of leaving (go on Arthur, be bold) may not be new. But it's utterly different from the Labour of old. From Blair's point of view, his party has moved from being a dilemma to being a

Now it must be wielded in what looks like being a punishingly long political campaign, stretching from this winter right to the spring of 1997.
This week really could affect the eventual result. It could have gone badly wrong for Labour. But the party is holding firm and its leader is on song. We can no longer say we don't have much of a choice

I don't really believe nations have souls, but if they do, Tony Blair's battle for the soul of ours is going to be

movie there were real bodies with real

blood and, even though he's famous,

Simpson was always a real man facing

the possibility of a real sentence. Yet

who, deluged with this TV overkill,

could really keep that in mind? Tele-

vision banished real human suffering

by lulling us into thinking this really

But it was not just the fault of

legal system that allowed this to hap-

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rupt its proceedings. There are about

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every year. Say they all came to trial and

got the full OJ treatment - TV, super-

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into thinking this

really was a movie

## Deeply fried, deeply satisfied

don't know exactly why, but I was curiously exhilarated by the news this week that a deep-fried battered Mars bar (with a side order of chips) has become the latest culinary craze north of the border. It certainly isn't because I

want to eat one - I can't really face a Mars bar cns. and the thought of the warm gloop of the interior doesn't exactly tease the palate. In texture 1 guess it would be something like a toffee-flavoured oyster. But there was something heroically gross about the idea that caught my imagination. It was as if a team of dietary freedom fighters had carefully worked out the most devastating com-bination of sugar and fat conceivable before releasing it into the teenage subculture a secret weapon of corpulence and cardiac arrest aimed at the heart of the health

I haven't encountered such a reckless disregard of alimentary safety since I was at school and discovered that many boys ate their breakfast sausages with a thick top-dressing of marmalade (the closest Lancaster Grammar could get to a chutney, I suppose).

The next day several newspapers reported that the Government was sitting on an official report which warned that we are getting fatter by the minute. They sat on it rather heavily, so it leaked (the image that comes to mind is of a portly pin-striped bottom descending on a jam doughnut). In 10 years' time, if you believe the report of the Nutrition and Physical Activity Task Force, a quarter of all British men and one-fifth of women will be clinically obese. Most of them, presumably, will be Scottish - munching their way towards 2005 by filling that niggly gap between meals with enough calories to power a small Highland town.

Most journalists put the non-appearance of the report down to Government bad faith, but I wonder myself whether they haven't just given up in despair, ground down by the clear evidence that most people are happy to eat themselves into an early grave. My own confidence in adjust the diet of their citizens took a grave knock some years ago, after a visit to a Brixton supermarket

The woman in front of me had children hanging from both sides of her cardigan and a baby cradled beneath a trembling finger of cigarette ash. On the conveyer belt were laid three jumbo aqualungs of Pepsi (non-diet), a frozen pizza, sèveral packets of those vivid orange snacks that look like packing material and some more cigarettes. "Zit Miles Kington is away.

orright if I pay for this wiv milk tokens?" she asked when she reached the check-out. The cashier nodded in a defeated sort of way. He had clearly lost too many arguments about the calcium content of Cheesy Wotsits.

The simple problem is that junk food is often more delicious than mediocre healthy food. Set a greasy chip butty, laced with sugary tomato ketchup, against a plate of flaccid green beans and boiled cod, and most people will know immediately where their taste buds are pointing. You might enjoy the latter meal, by disciplined exertion of will, but only because it is heavily sauced by a sense of doing the

right thing. Healthy food is an acquired taste, one that requires a modest exercise of skill and the expenditure of time. Junk food, on the other hand, does all the acquisition for you. flooding your mouth with the



THOMAS SUTCLIFFE

instant, addictive gratifications of sugar and fat. Like Pavlov's dogs we salivate when the convenience food manufacturers ring our bells.

Only one thing will really change that - and it isn't government exhortations that we eat more carrots, or increased expenditure on cycle paths. Somehow they have to make deep-fried Mars bars taste bad - and education is probably the only way to do that. The flavour of mortality is an insidious one, even in small quan-tities, and it is capable of tainting the most delicious

combination of poisons. It's worth pointing out, inci-dentally, that the deep-fried Mars bar isn't by any means the first instance of chippy innovation. For many years the local fish and chip shop near my wife's childhood home in Preston has sold deep-fried jam butties. They even come with a health warning, though it isn't one that offers much hope to dietary reformers. "Please do not give batered [sic] jam butties to young children", reads a handmade notice Sellotaped to the counter, "The jam get's [sic] very hot and can scald". Disfigurement, in other words, is broadly acceptable if it takes years to show, but not if it's

The media and the US legal system take equal blame for the spectacle of the OJ Simpson trial

# Virtual reality of TV justice

The OJ Simpson trial was perhaps 1 the most sensationally globalised legal process in history. Television carried the whole of the nine-month-long procedure around the world, making Judge Lance Ito, defender Johnnie Cochran, prosecutor Marcia Clark and Simpson himself as familiar as any Baywatch babe or soap stud. Wherever you travelled those faces could be seen on TV or in newspaavs frozen in the narrow con fines of that courtroom and always betraying the fallen, corrupt consciousness that this show was turning them into stars. Simpson himself was, of course, a

star already - an American football



hero and movie actor. And that was the point. Here was a man whose place in the American consciousness was so well defined that his trial had to be a show trial. Here was a hero who might be a killer. The American public had a right to know the truth, for, to them, fame is a matter of legit-imate public interest. Fame is valid, fame is important, fame enhances the right to know.

So the trial became, literally, a show trial. Simpson had £3.6m to spend on his defence and the state of California had £35m to spend on his prosecution - for that kind of money you could make a big movie. And so, of course, they did. Johnnie Cochran's closing speech could have been modelled on Spencer Tracy's perfor-mance in Inherit the Wind or Paul Newman's in The Verdict. At every point in the trial you could feel the pressure of old movies or TV shows, pushing the performers to play it for the cameras, to play it the way the jury and the television audience expected it to be:

And this, surely, is the first big lesson of the trial: courtrooms should never, under any circumstances, be

The arguments for televised trials seem strong. If justice should be seen to be done, and if we already have public galleries, then there seems no logical reason to exclude cameras. On the face of it they merely have the



Star turn: Johnnie Cochran re-creates a Spencer Tracy courtroom drama role

effect of increasing the number of seats in the gallery. They are a neutral technology that simply assists the dis-semination of the edifying and salutary spectacle of justice at work.

But the Simpson trial demon-

strates conclusively that cameras are not neutral. By extending the audience from tens to millions, the camera introduces a new reality that is not merely quantitative. That reality is mass entertainment. The audience is not locked in a courtroom with nothing to watch but the trial. It is at home with a remote control. watching the trial as a show, as one viewing opportunity among many. It even, thanks to the too-familiar courtroom geometry, looks like other shows - Perry Mason, The Defenders, whatever. The TV manners of the US courtroom are as generically ritualised as those of the sit-com. And once televised trials are like this, theп all trials have to be, because that is

what juries expect.

Television transposes the court from a physical to a virtual realm. Its reality and significance are relativised. It must compete, it must play the mass game. This game requires shorthand, instant recognisability. So it forces conventions on

the participants. In Los Angeles a media-comprehensible reality was imposed upon the world to make it palatable to an audience educated not to believe the evidence of their own minds - that truth is difficult, reality ambiguous and people, even famous people, are unfathomable. Once you abandon this awareness for the cheap imperatives of a TV show, then justice, an absolute at least in theory, becomes self-evidently impossible.

You could see the corrupting need for these mendacious conventions in Cochran's approach to the defence. He wanted to convince the jury that this trial belonged to a particular cinematic genre, the genre of liberal

defence attorney fighting a corrupt, racist system riddled with evil plots. Get the jury to recognise the movie type and they would have no choice -in this genre the defendant, guilty or not, is always innocent. So everybody in the courtroom was

trapped in a bizarre, cultural loop. Movies and television shows are made about trials. Directors touch them up in all the right places -enlarge characters, beighten drama. People watch the movies. That, they decide, is what justice must be like. Then they go on juries. Lawyers cannot afford to disappoint them, so they start acting like Tracy or Newman. Live television comes along with all its attendant claims to "realism". The lawyers ham it up even more. Even the not-guilty verdict was delivered with a suitably filmic, agonising pause. Amazingly we discover that real" justice is just like the movies

because, by now, it is. The horror of all this is that some-

expensive lawyers, months of evidence and so on. That means each one would cost around £40m - and within months the US economy would have ground to

But it doesn't happen, it can't happen, because the big lawyers don't care about those little crimes. It is only when the defendant is rich and/or famous that the lawyers spot the chance of major fees, TV appearances, books and so on. It's bad enough to know that the Simpson trial was an event created by the movies and the media, even worse to know that it was all done in collusion with lawyers. Once again the flagrant racket that is the American legal system is exposed. So much for Jefferson, so much for Lincoln, so

much for the Enlightenment.

Amid all this, the best, the most poignant joke of all was the jury - kept off the TV screens to protect their anonymity and "sequestered" in hotel rooms to prevent contamination by the media coverage. There they were, the quarantined distillation of the Republic's common sense, wondering what it all meant and who, if anybody, they were supposed to be.

It couldn't work, of course. Only jurors who had never seen a television screen could be sufficiently pure to judge Simpson. Only a few saints, mystics and lunatics would have qualified. They, in a world of TV justice and US lawyers, would be the only ones who knew anything for certain.



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### IN BRIEF

Independent Newspapers, the Irish media group controlled by Tony O'Reilly, is to buy London Recorder Newspapers, published of free newspapers in north-west London, for an initial consideration of £1.14m in cash and £360,000 of Independent shares. Further payments taking the total to £3m depend on gross profits in the three years to 1997. Independent Newspapers, which owns 43 per cent of Newspaper Publishing, publisher of the *Independent*, is also buying out the *Daily Mail* and General Trust's 34.6 per cent interest in Commuter Publishing.

### lbstock shutdown warning

O'Reilly buys newspaper group

Ibstock confirmed the fragile state of the housebuilding industry yesterday, warning that it would have to shut down part of its brick-making capacity during the winter to prevent stocks ris-ing above current levels. Unspecified temporary job losses are inevitable. Ibstock boosted its share of the UK brick-making market in June when it paid £70m for Tarmac's brick operation. Despite the warning, Ibstock announced a tripling of pre-tax profits in the six months to June from £4.4m to £14.0m. The half-time dividend jumped 50 per cent to 0.75p.

### Spanish telecom sale demand

The retail part of the Spanish government's offer for sale of up to 12 per cent of Telefonica, the state-owned telecommunications company, has been more than eight times subscribed. The price for the retail tranche of the offer was set at 1,615 pesetas a share, or a 4 per cent discount to the final price of 1,683 pesetas. Telefonica said due to the heavy demand in the retail tranche the original offer of shares will be increased to two million.

### Directors' pay

Directors of the British subsidiaries of multinationals saw their average gross earnings of £52,000 stuck firmly at the bottom of the European pay league, according to the latest annual survey of remuneration advisers Monks Partnership. Their position improved once tax and the cost of living were taken into account, but they were still worse off than colleagues in most countries outside Scandinavia.

### City rents show increase

Top rents in the City of London moved up from £32.50 a square foot to £35 in the third quarter, according to figures from Richard Ellis, the surveyors. The increase is only the second improvement since the market bottomed out in June 1993.

### Maxwell trial told of shares sale

A solicitor told the Old Bailey fraud trial yesterday that he was involved in the sale of millions of shares without realising they belonged to the Maxwell pension funds. Phillip Morgenstern, former senior partner in Nicholson Graham & Jones, said Robert Maxwell asked him to give a legal opinion about the sale of 7.1m shares in Scitex, an Israeli pharmaceutical company. He understood the shares belonged to the privately owned Robert Maxwell Group. He was never told by Maxwell that 5.4m of those shares belonged to the pension funds company. He said that Maxwell was "always borrowing from Peter to pay Panl". Maxwell's sons, Kevin and Ian and former Maxwell aide Larry Trachtenberg all deny conspiracy to defraud by misuse of pension fund investments. The trial was adjourned to today.

# Lloyd's rescue under threat

JOHN EISENHAMMER Financial Editor

Auditors are threatening to scupper Lloyd's hopes of ending all litigation against the insurance market as part of its £6bn reconstruction and re-

newal programme.

Unless audit firms are brought under the protective umbrella of Lloyd's arrangements for global indemnity against litigation by disaffected Names, the insurance society will not escape from its long-running legal nightmare, leading auditors warned yesterday.
"Lloyd's must realise that if they leave us out of the settlement loop, and people gun for us, we have the potential to keep the whole mess going," said the senior partner in a leading City audit firm. Lloyd's recovery

plan launched in May left out auditors from its proposed deal to buy an end to laugation, in return for Names making a final payment to cap their liabilities for old policy losses. Auditors are now saying that

even if such an agreement were reached between Names and

they will have to pay into Lloyd's new re-insurance vehicle, Equitas, to put a close on all liabilities for old policies. But working out these sums for thousands of individual Names is dependent on negotiations on several contentious

> structuring package, Lloyd's is offering Names an inducement to settle in the form of a £2.8bn debt-forgiveness and credit package, which will go to reducing the amount Names will pay into Equitas. Lloyd's is banking on being able to in-

crease this to above £3bn, but

fronts. As part of the overall re-

Lloyd's, they would bring the in-surance society back into any fu-

ture court cases as a third party.
"They simply won't be able to

other auditor source.

this depends on getting contri-butions out of insurance market brokers and auditors. Lloyd's had indicated it

seal off the litigation," said anhoped for some £200m from the auditors. Most of the big au-This is just the latest of a squall of difficulties assailing diting firms involved with Lloyd's appear now to have accepted in principle that some contribution will be paid, which will increase the overall inloyd's as it attempts to knit together the disparate elements of the hugely complex settlement package. At its meeting today, Lloyd's ruling council is ex-pected to abandon the intention ducement available to Names. But in return they want full protection from any future litiga-tion. "At present we are discussing the mechanism for ending litigation, what is our protection. There will always be to give Names an indication at the end of this month of what disaffected Names not willing to sign any settlement, and we need to have the same form of indemnity that Lloyd's will en-

> costs of such potential cases," said a senior audit source. The position of the auditors, and what they might contribute in return for an indemnity deal, is complicated by waiting for the court ruling in the key Merrett case. Turning on whether the Merrett syndicates and their auditors ought to have been more

aware at the end of the Seven-

joy from Equitas, covering the

Photograph: Edward Webb Difficult days for Peter Middleton (left) and David Rowland

ties and early Eighties of the potential for enormous losses from asbestos claims in the US, the ruling will give an in-

dication of auditors' liabilities. The calculation of Names' contributions to Equitas is also dependent on resolving the dispute with so-called personal stop-loss insurers, who are supposed to insure Names against big losses. Many are still refusing to accept that Names' contributions to Equitas should be counted as losses, and therefore covered by insurance.

An added complication is that most of the stop-loss insurance is written by Lloyd's syndicates, involving Names in a merry-go-round of trying to reduce their contribution to Equitas at one another's expense. Lloyd's is also facing a burst

of inquiries by several state authorities in the US that it misled Names by recruiting them. despite widespread knowledge of the potential for losses through asbestos liabilities. Lloyd's said yesterday that these US allegations do not threaten the overall recovery plan, and that despite the current delays, it is still on course for com-

as Texas

## Robinson to succeed Bernstein at Granada

MATHEW HORSMAN

Granada executives Gerry Robinson and Charles Allen, close colleagues for 12 years, are to occupy the top two slots at the leisure and media company starting next March, it was announced yesterday.

Mr Robinson, now group chief executive, will rise to the chairmanship, replacing 36-year Granada veteran Alex Bernstein. Mr Bernstein leaves next March after reaching Granada's retirement age of 60.

Mr Allen, chief executive of Granada Television and chairman of the leisure division, will become group chief executive. In addition to his current responsibilities, he will run Granada's rentals and computer operations. To reflect Mr Allen's future responsibilities, he is to be made chief operating officer effectively immediately, the company said.

Analysts and competitors praised Mr Robinson yesterday, saying he made a "natural" choice as chairman. "He is an outstanding manager, and a very intelligent operator," said one senior television executive. Mr Robinson has worked with Mr Allen since their days together at Compass Group, the world's largest catering com-

They together masterminded Granada's successful bid for LWT, and helped develop one of four pending bids for Channel 5, the new terrestrial service, in league with Rupert Murdoch's 40 per cent-owned BSkyB. Mr Robinson is also chairman of BSkyB, in which Granada holds a 11 per cent Mr Alien has been a hands-

on manager of the leisure and TV operations, but has been building his own management team in recent years. "I have put in place good chief executives in all the areas of the group," Mr Allen said last night. "I will be able to keep a close handle on the operations but I have very capable people in place."
Both Mr Robinson and Mr

Allen stressed that the future direction of Granada was unlikely to change.Mr Allen said he expected further investment in programming rights and in broadcast outlets, in the UK and internationally. Granada, which holds the ITV licences for the North and London Weekend, has to date made few moves outside the domestic market.



Changing of the guard: Alex Bernstein (left), Gerry Robinson (centre) and Charles Allen

company was unlikely to reduce first time, fuelling speculation its stake in BSkyB, as was rumoured in the market yesterday. BSkyB shares have risen

Mr Allen hinted that the through the 400p mark for the that Granada and even Mr Murdoch might be prepared to

## **USAir** merger talks boost BA

RUSSELL HOTTEN

British Airways is considering selling its 24.6 per cent stake in USAir and negotiating a strate-gic alliance with another Amer-

United Airlines and American Airlines, both in the early stages of takeover talks with US-Air, are expected to be joined by Delta and Continental. A bid pattle could send the value of BA's investment soaring. The company paid \$400m for the stake in 1993, but wrote down almost half earlier this year as financial and labour relations

problems mounted at USAir. "USAir is not the only American carrier we can link with," said a senior BA source. "If the price is right womey sell. The sente United on American you USAir alligioce is givital link in BA's plan to become a global airline, but the British company is looking at other small US operators it could join with.

BA, whose shares rose 20p to 472p, would only say yesterday that it was considering its options. But one airline industry the to form a strategic alliance executive believed BA was in a with Lufthansa last year. Unitno-lose situation. "There are a ed said yesterday: "We are for BA here: developing an al- liance with Lufthansa and it liance with one of the bidders or doing something with someone altogether different." However, analysts did not move allead on USAir."

rule out the possibility of BA being squeezed out of its operational alliance with USAir. either by a purchaser or by the US aviation regulators.

"I find it very hard to envisage some sort of tri-party cooperation between either American or United and USAir and British Airways," said Guy Kekwick at Lehman Brothers.

If either American or United could work with BA, it could give the US carriers a network of connections from Europe to the rest of the world. BA could tap into American's or United's huge networks covering north and south Americas, in addition to the existing USAir routes concentrated on the east coast.

"If you are feeding passengers are feeding the whole of the United States, you are feeding Central America, the Caribbean and South America,"

said an analyst. American is still looking for a strong European partner, having lost out to United in batnumber of potential options committed to our growing alwould be pointless for us to speculate about other matters before we decide whether to

### **Canary Wharf battle looms** BR sells off catering arm

PAUL RODGERS

The sale of On Board Services, British Rail's catering arm, to its management for £11.5m will be announced today by the Department of Transport

The buyout is backed 60-40 by Candover, a venture capital company, and the Bank of Scotland, with the seven-member management team putting up an undisclosed amount to fund expansion and improvement of the service.

John Jarvis, chairman of Jarvis Hotels, will join the OBS board as non-executive chairman, said Terry Coyle, the company's managing director. The newly privatised company is the third-largest supplier of packaged meals in Britain. A flotation or trade sale is

likely in three years, after cur-rent contracts with train operating companies have been renewed and an aggressive expansion programme put in place. OBS hopes to raise its sales from a projected £37m in the first year to £55m by 1998. Its pre-tax profits have been estimated at about £2m.

Mr Coyle said growth would come from beefing up UK train catering operations with an airline-style service, opening retail outlets in the 33 railway stations where it currently has food preparation areas, and bidding for business on Europe's highspeed trains.

We see our future moving further into Europe," Mr Coyle said. "With it's high-speed ser-vices it's very attractive." The European rail catering sector is dominated by Wagon Lits and Servair from France, Germany's Mitropa and Rail Gourmet, a subsidiary of Swissair.

British travellers will not be ignored, however, he insisted. In the future, passengers could find a hot meal, prepared on board and delivered to their seats, included in the ticket

price. "You're going to see an increase in customer service," he said. A range of new prod-

ucts will also be introduced. The sale puts to rest fears among traditionalists that the company would be sold to rival bidder Rail Gournet, which was rumoured to believe scrapping English breakfasts would be a sound cost-cutting move.

Mr Coyle said the sale meant "the traditional British breakfast has been saved. It's the mainstay of the business". OBS has 650 staff, but could increase that to almost 2,000 if

it was successful in bidding for contracts to serve food on trains, part of the business that was largely kept separate from the privatisation. OBS is one of the first frag-

ments of British Rail to be privatised, which Mr Coyle believes will give it time to prepare services for the operating companies when they are sold off in six to 12 months' time.

## JOHN WILL COCK

Financial Correspondent

The war between Canary Wharf and the City for lucrative institutional tenants is set to intensify following Paul Reichmann's success in buying back the Docklands development.

Michael Cassidy, who chairs the policy and resources committee of the Corporation of London, played down the sig-nificance of the Reichmann deal, saying it would not make a huge difference to the

Mr Cassidy claimed that the City was in a stronger position than for many years to repulse the Docklands development's attempts to peach tenants. He said ABN Amro, the Dutch bank which owns the bro-

ker Hoare Govett, had been offered the top eight floors of the Canary Wharf tower but preferred moving to new offices within the City.

An ABN Amro spokesman confirmed last night that it had long wanted to combine all its banking activities, including Hoare Govett, under one roof. A site in Spitalfields was the current favourite, he said, with the old Mirror Group building in Holborn Circus as a possibility.

Mr Cassidy said: "ABN Amro prefer a City site. We are allowing them to buy the freehold, which we don't normally do, because that is what Continental banks prefer. The City chief said that oth-

ers seeking new offices in London included Merrill Lynch, Citibank, HSBC/Midland, Liffe and West Deutsche Landes-bank. He had been horrified that BZW had failed to consult the Corporation when it decided to move a large number of employees to Canary Wharf last

oring. But Deutsche Bank's decision in the summer to keep its combined investment bank with

Morgan Grenfell in the City had been a turning point. The City had better transport links, especially to Heathrow, with its connections to areas representing 80 per cent of

People would still prefer to walk between meetings, Mr Cassidy said, and the quality of the City's environment was on the up because of the "ring of steel" set up following the IRA's Bishopsgafe bomb.

"We have reduced road accidents and pollution because of this, and street crime is down by a third," he said.

Michael Pickard, chairman of the London Docklands Development Corporation, is jubilant over the Reichmann deal. Together with lettings of nearly 1m sq ft in the last six months, it would secure the project's long term future, he said. "Canary Wharf offers space on a scale simply not available in the

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## Trade gap widens but trend confused

PAUL WALLACE **Economics Editor** 

The global trade deficit widened in July to £1,056m from £868m in June, with the gap in trade with the EU increasing from £109m to £184m. Consumer credit in August was weaker than had been expected but a rise in new mortgage approvals offered a ray of hope to the beleaguered housing

market. Despite the increase in the EU trade gap in July, the latest figures confirmed that the lion's share of the trade gap since May has been with countries outside the European Union. In the three months to July, the deficit

by £0.8bn compared with the previous three months. However, this improvement was outweighed by a deterioration of £1.1bn in the trade gap with countries outside the EU. The net result was an increase in the overall deficit of £0.3bn to

In the three months to July. the underlying volume of ex-ports - excluding oil and erratics - to the EU rose by 3 per cent while the volume of inports rose by 1 per cent. The picture with Germany and the Benelux countries was even

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ports to countries outside the EU stagnated while imports

surged by 5 per cent.

The reasons for this divergence in performance are not clear-cut. The weakness in the US market in the second quarter and continuing growth in the EU accounted for some of the differing fortunes of exporters. However, it is uncertain why imports should be rising so much more from countries outside the

With the prospect of a recovery in the US market, "there is a very good chance of better performance in the global trade brighter with a 10 per cent surge in exports in the three months to July. By contrast ex-

economist at Nikko Europe, warned that "the market will be wary of the trade position while the overall trend remains adverse, and until the explanation becomes clearer".

The composition of the increase in imports suggested that it is going to fuel increased investment rather than consumption. A downturn in new consumer credit in August to £535m from a revised figure of £681m in July might seem to fit in with this picture. However, the fall is more likely to be a reaction to the strong summer sales, particularly in clothing and footwear.

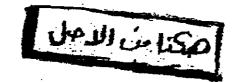
Consumer credit has been

However, Simon Briscoe, UK buoyant in the past year despite the overall weakness of consumer spending.

This has led most analysis to interpret the strength of consumer credit as another dimension to the fiercely competitive conditions on the high street, with retailers vying for customers through credit deals as well as by cutting the price of goods.

Following the monthly rises in house prices in September, reported earlier in the week by the Nationwide and Halifax building societies, an increase in new mortgage commitments in August to their highest level since December last year suggested the housing market

might be coming off the floor. New mortgage approvals tend to lead activity by about three



## business



"Bankers don't like running things, and

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banks were unforgiving and refused to forgo their pound of flesh. But the other ingredi-ent was hubris and that belonged entirely to

No free ride to Canary Wharf for Reichmann The Reichmanns were always unusual as property developers and financiers. under new ownership, they have a tendency

Deeply religious, their reputation was for austerity and plain living. Even after they had to come right, in part vindicating the vision-aries who initially made them possible. achieved what for most would be wealth be-That is what seems to be happening with yond the dreams of avarice, they and their Canary Wharf, now 75 per cent let and rissenior executives continued to drive around ing, with the vital Jubilee lifeline only a couin stripped down Fords - one sun visor, no ple of years from completion. Paul Reichmann has chosen his moment to regain his stereo, one wing mirror, no chauffeur. Their no-frills lifestyle endcared them to bankers, empire, as always using somebody else's money. Bankers don't like running things, who naively believed they could do no wrong. As a consequence, the Reichmanns and given the chance to get their money were allowed to do things that others could back, they were always going to take it, despite the promise of the future. only dream of.

One of them was Canary Wharf, a project Whether any banker or investor is going which, even before the property collapse, to lend Mr Reichmann the money to begin work on the second and third stages of the seemed wholly insane from a commercial point of view. When the end came, the development is another matter. Already Reichmanns blamed the Government, the City, the banks - everyone but themselves. there is an ominous feeling of deja vu about events and that is not just because of the To some extent, they had a point. The Govreturn of Mr Reichmann. The Corporation of London will fight the phoenix-like rise from the ashes of Canary Wharf tooth and nail. Mr Reichmann stands a better chance of succeeding second time round, but he is ernment, having actively encouraged the development, failed to provide adequate transport infrastructure. The City did its best to sink Canary Wharf by sanctioning just about every alternative Square Mile development, the not going to get a free ride. opement that could be conceived of. The

### A happy end in sight for BA

British Airways must scarcely be able to believe its luck. The investment in USmoney to make them possible only becomes available at the top of the cycle. Another is

that during the following upturn, often no good at all for its share price, that the sud- with another US carrier. But establishing under new ownership, they have a tendency den prospect of the bird being transformed another partnership in the all-important US overnight into a highly fragrant and much sought-after golden goose is verging on the corporate fairy tale.

The news that a bid battle is developing for the troubled American carrier has sent BA's -and investors' - hopes soaring. They see the prospect of a happy end to what has become a grizzly story of frustration, as BA watched other European rivals make more of relatively trouble-free links with US airlines, while it struggled with what became known in the trade as US-Scare. As one observer put it,

"It's BA's get out of jail free card."

Certainly, it would take care of USAir's financing problems. BA, which earlier this year wrote off £125m from its USAir stake -about half its investment -- has said it would not put another penny into the company until its problems were sorted. Now, it seems, other operators are queuing up to do so. BA's 24.6 per cent stake cost about \$19.50 a share, and yesterday's talk was that the bidding would start at around \$20. With other American carriers, such as Delta or Continental, also rumoured to be interested, a bid war could send the value of BA's stake soaring. It would be in a position to write back its investment, and could expect to receive the £15m or so in dividends that were deferred.

The big question for BA is, should it sell or should it sit on its rising investment? The company is clearly thinking of selling out if aviation market carries its own problems and BA would do better to stick with USAir, especially as the worst of its cost trauma seems to be behind it.

However comfortable BA's position suddenly looks, it would be wise not to get too excited. The stumbling blocks in the way of the deal are many, not least the practicalities of a merger between two of America's largest carriers. An airline merger is a difficult task at any time, and would be more so in the case of USAir, which has a history of union recalcitrance. There are also monopolies issues. United and American are already the top two airlines in the US, and a combination of either of them with USAir would create a monster able to dominate the US aviation industry.

### Lesson in currency co-ordination

ix months ago, when the G7 ministers met Oin Washington, they promised "an orderly reversal" of the currency gyrations that had driven the yen to unheard-of heights in the first quarter of 1995. Now, as they prepare for their meeting this weekend, they can take some comfort from the success they have had in bringing about a stronger dollar and a weak-er yen. Wary dealers have been showing a

its way in the foreign exchange markets. Clearly, however, it would have been much better if the yen bubble had never occurred. The turning point appears to have been the decision at the end of June by the US admin-

well-timed central bank intervention to get

istration to pull back from the brink of a trade war over access to the Japanese car market. At the same time, the Japanese authorities finally woke up to the need to revitalise a moribund economy with long overdue cuts in interest rates, a further fiscal stimulus and the first tentative steps towards an earlier resolution of the banking crisis.

The lesson is clear: currency co-ordination can only work when it is being supported by national policies. Even so, the damage has been done, with the Japanese recovery set back by a year and European growth more sluggish as a result of the appreciation of the German mark against the dollar. Global growth has taken a hit.

This week's world economic outlook from the IMF is likely to confirm the gloomier out-look for global economic growth that the bond markets have been discounting for months. The effect of the slowdown has already been felt by Britain's exporters, contributing to the widening in the trade gap. The cause of international currency co-ordination may seem a remote one; the failure to achieve it has real consequences on the ground. Somehow or other, common ground must be found in complementary national policies to

## Norweb battle becomes electric as Texas Energy raises bid

One of the generalisations that can always

be made about white elephants is that the

**MARY FAGAN** Industrial Correspondent

The battle for Norweb, the regional electricity company, intensified yesterday with an increased offer by Texas Energy Partners valuing Norweb at £1.74bn. Rival bidder North West Water is now widely expected to raise its bid for a second time but Texas also made it clear it was prepared to consider another counter attack.

In the most hotly contested takeover attempt in the sector so far, Texas raised its offer to £10.85 per share compared with North West's increased cash of-fer last week of £10.75 with an £11.05 in cash and shares.

The US group, a partnership between Houston Industries the industry regulator, Profesand Central and South West sor Stephen Littlechild, issued Corp (CSW), said its increase a consultation document on

provides shareholders with a generous and certain return on

Tom Shockley, president and chief executive officer of CSW Enterprises, said: "In contrast, North West Water's cash and share offer contains a significant share element that may be adversely affected by a number of factors including a shortfall in the timing, scale and delivery benefits and the financial risk of diversifying into an activity of which North West Water has no direct experience." Mr Shockley said he was "disappointed" at having yet failed to persuade Norweb's board to recommend the new offer but added: "We

will convince them." The renewed offer came as the Texas bid. Professor Lit- recommend neither offer betlechild said the bid raised some of the issues surrounding previous bids for regional electricity companies, including the holding of a public electricity supply licence by a subsidiary

rather than a parent company.

He warned this raises con-cerns about the availability of resources, disposal of assets and the regulator's ability to obtain information. Professor Littlechild would make licence amendments to deal with these concerns, which would involve the ring-fencing of the electricity supply and distribution operations from other parts of the parent group. He also said Texas should not retain Nor-web's stake in the National

cause of their proximity in value. The company said it would due course in the light of North West Water's share price performance and the decisions of the various regulatory author-ities". The bid by North West is unusual in that it is being examined by both Offer and the

water watchdog, Ofwat. North West Water declined to comment on the renewed ofensive from Texas Energy and said that it would respond in due

The company is expected to consult with its big sharehold-ers before deciding its next move but the consensus among City analysts is that the water Grid Company, which is due to be floated later this year.

Norweb's board said it would a major force in the region. group is determined to absorb Norweb in its drive to become

## Alliance suing former chief

gust this year.

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developed field Alliance had an

obligation to drill a well every

110 days. It is the company's

contention that at the time of

the money-raising, the compa-ny had not complied with this

provision, but that Mr O'Brien

**DAVID HELLIER** 

Alliance Resources, the oil and gas company whose shares have been suspended on the London stock market at 4.5p since early last month, yesterday issued legal proceeedings against its former chief executive, the Cork businessman John

The company, which is now being run by a three-man management committee, says it is suing its former head for damages for alleged fraudulent misrepresentations, fraud and/or deceit, breach of his service agreement, breach of fiduciary duty as well as for reimbursements of certain sums received .

as a result of false declarations. Mr O'Brien, who said yes-terday he had "nothing to hide", is defending the writ and is op-

posing a Mareva injunction trary to indications given in the that was obtained by the comprospectus, it was now the company last month freezing his financial assets. The company's action relates to statements made in documents that accompanied a £7.2m moneyraising exercise earlier this year.

Yesterday the company said the value of the Valentine Sugar Plantation, located 30 miles south of New Orleans, was less than had been described in the prospectus. The company took issue mainly with the prospects of a particular well, Well 14.

"As a result of investigations made by the company, it is now apparent that the true position in respect of this well has been concealed and misrepresented to the company by its former chief executive," a state-

ment said yesterday.
The company said that con-

involved in conducting its own inquiries into Mr O'Brien. pany's understanding that the Mr O'Brien said he had not well, which was said to house a been approached by the fraud large gas discovery, was in fact office. But I would be de-

production and was finally plugged and abandoned in Au-Alliance says the company is still viable and that its shares will As part of the lease there was be able to be traded again provision that in order to when full-year financial figures maintain its interest in the un-

lighted to meet with them at any

are released later this month. Mr O'Brien said yesterday the company's decision to proceed with the drilling of the Valen-tine well (Valentine 14) was based upon a substantial number of independent reports, which included a process of con-

had nonetheless indicated the tinuing evaluation. "The decision to plug and abandon Valentine 14 was not company had been granted an extension on certain conditions. The Serious Fraud Office my decision and appears to contradict the technical rewas called in by the company last month and is still said to be

## Euromoney lands profits blow

BY CLIFFORD GERMAN

Euromoney, the glossy magazine that grew into a £300m media and conference group with 44 publications and 75 separate profit centres, shocked the mar-ket yesterday with a warning that profits in the year ending this month will be down about 25 per cent on the £24 m it made

Its activities mirror the confidence of the international banking and investment community, which has been shaken by the weakness of the in-

markets, the sharp in emerging markets triggered by the collapse of the Mexican stock market last December, and the collapse of Barings Bank.

Padraig Pallon, the executive chairman, had warned at the half-way stage that margins were already under pressure but profits still rose 15 per cent. to £10.4m. The outlook for bond markets has improved, the Japanese stock market has ralhed, and the September issue of the magazine is fatter than ever, without any discounting of

managing director, said.

Turnover will still have increased when the figures are reported to the Stock Exchange on 28 November, and profits in the core businesses are expected to be little changed on last year. Profits at Raven Fox, Petroleum Economist and Asia Law & Practice have held up well and Century House is expected to break even.

But profits at AIC, the oreaniser of conferences, seminars and training sessions, in which Euromoney has a 75 per cent

ternational bond and derivatives advertising, Richard Ensor, the stake, have been almost wiped out, and restructuring costs of at least £2m are being charged to current year profits.

Problems have been concen America. The board expects to hold the final dividend at 29.5p, making 43.5p for the year. But analysts had been expecting profits of up to £27m, and the shares plunged 312p to 1083p, wiping 22 per cent off the overnight £300m market value

of the company.

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## **KPMG** partners vote to create limited liability company

ROGER TRAPP

Partners' salaries and other financial details will be disclosed by the leading accountancy firm KPMG within three months as a result of its decision to create a limited company to carry out audits of publicly quoted and fi-nancially regulated clients.

The creation of KPMG Audit, which will be wholly owned by the partnership and capi-talised at £50m, was confirmed by Britain's second-largest accountancy practice yesterday so ending months of press speculation. A vote of the firm's 600 partners had been overwhelmingly in favour of the proposal, senior partner Colin Sharman told a press conference at London's Savoy Hotel.

Under the new arrangements, the company and individual partners can be sued, but partners not connected with the work at issue will be protected by limited liability.

The company will have a turnover of about £100m and expects to have 400 listed and 300 regulated clients plus their subsidiaries. Clients that do not fit into these categories of "public-interest" companies will continue to be audited by the partnership, with the 300 audit directors - currently partners splitting their time between the two operations. Last year, au-dit business accounted for about £200m of KPMG's total fee in-

come of more than £500m. tial incorporation against suggestions it might create confusion, saying the new structure would enable the practice to improve the management of

listed and regulated company audit business and "provide a clear division between audit and non-audit services". Clients whose audits were not being transferred to the new compamy would receive the same standards of audit service as the

others, he added. KPMG Audit will start work on audits relating to financial years starting in 1996. But the firm intends to publish an annual report for the financial year to 30 September in January.

Mr Sharman and his colleagues have not yet decided which firm will audit the combined accounts of the partnership and the company, but concerns over possible conflicts of interest will probably rule out another member of the Big Six leading firms. KPMG, which has been ad-

vised on the matter by Lazards and the City law firm Slaughter & May, is convinced that its decision to protect itself from spiralling law suits by incorporating marks a turning point in the development of professional firms. It also believes pub-lishing full annual results will set a precedent its rivals might be compelled to follow. The company says clients have been attracted by the idea of knowing as much about their accountants as they do about most other sup-

Coopers & Lybrand, the country's largest, and Price Waterhouse are among the leading his firm's opposition to limiting



Colin Sharman: 'Bold step for accountancy profession'

liability in this way. While pointing out that he and his colleagues would look at the issue carefully, he said he was concorned that the profession may be perceived as becoming a "low-cost, low-quality, low-responsibility and low-risk sup-

the 10-strong board of the new company, said the move was "a bold step for the accountancy profession, but one that we believe is necessary to protect and develop our business and our people in the next decade".

of it, and pointed to the endorsements of such well-known business figures as Sir Evelyn de Rothschild, chairman of NM Rothschild; NatWest Group chairman Lord Alexander and Cable & Wireless chairman Lord Young.

The firm stressed that the Mr Sharman, who will chair move did nothing to weaken its support for the campaign to reform the principle of joint and several liability, under which auditors can bear the total loss in a corporate collapse regardless of their degree of fault. A Law Commission feasibility study He added that clients had on this issue is expected by been overwhelmingly in favour Christmas.

## Channel 5 licence set for this month

MATHEW HORSMAN

The licence to operate the new Channel 5 may be awarded as early as 19 October, following the regular monthly meeting of the board of the Independent Television Commission.

The 10 commissioners have already reviewed the four bids in detail, and last week asked staff to send final queries to the bidding groups. Channel 5 Broadcasting, led by Pearson and MAI, was asked about its programming budget, while Virgin TV, a consortium of Richard Branson's Virgin Group, Paramount Television, Associated Newspapers and HTV, was asked for assurances about its controversial retuning

The retuning exercise aimed at enabling viewers to re-ceive the Channel 5 signal could cost the winning applicant more than £100m. Three of the four bidding groups intend to visit every home in Channel 5 viewing areas, raising questions

about security.
Virgin TV, which promises a youth-oriented programme schedule and a rich selection of made-for-TV movies, has opted for a selective retuning approach, and would encourage

HUGH O'SHAUGHNESSY

Excitement about one of the last

- and potentially richest - un-

explored regions for oil and gas

in the world grew yesterday as

40 companies attended a pre-

sentation in London on the

Falkland Islands' plans to ex-

plore offshore. Reports also

emerged yesterday of plans to

improve the rickety air com-

munications between Chile and

of the Falklands, news of oil

company interest came at the

same time as earlier rumours of

Argentina acquiring a direct interest in Falklands' waters were

be the first day of a new era,"

said Patrick Watts of the Falk-

land Islands Broadcasting Ser-

People here think this could

the remote archipelago. In Stanley, the village capital



Branson: To tune in with BT

number to arrange for a home visit by a retuner. BT has arranged to supply the tele-phone service. The ITC is believed to have received a letter from BT confirming its full backing for Virgin.

The evaluation process has generated an unprecedented amount of documentation at the ITC, as the commission endeavours to pre-empt any legal challenge to its decision.

All four bidders, including UKTV. the consortium led by CanWest, the Canadian broadcaster, which offered the highest bid at £36m, are believed to have passed basic quality threshholds. Virgin TV and viewers to ring a free phone Channel 5 Broadcasting both en it out of the running.

Falklands lures oilmen

member of the Islands' Leg-

islative Council, said that yes-

terday's turnout in London

fulfilled expectations. A similar

presentation will take place

next Wednesday in Houston.

On offer are rights to drill in

12 blocks north of the Falkland

Islands and seven to the south.

The 19 areas comprise 44,000

square kilometres, which for

decades have been thought to

contain oil and natural gas in quantities larger than those presently being tapped by Chile

and Argentina in their offshore

Applications have to be in by

2 July next year for exploration

licences, which will be issued in

September 1996. Interested

companies, which may include

Argentine firms provided they

do not exercise majority control over any area or act as opera-

Councillor John Cheek, a tor, may be given rights for three flights to London.

waters nearby.

asked to rebid in the event UKTV is disqualified. Of the two, Channel 5 Broadcasting is believed to have the edge on programming, particularly in its commitment to educational programmes.

But it appears unlikely the ITC will reject the UKTV bid on the basis of its controversial ownership structure. Under current rules, foreign companies are not allowed to control outright a Channel 5 licence holder. UKTV has established a UK-based trust to hold the bulk of the consortium's shares and the ITC is not believed to have the discretion to it "foreign-owned" under current strict guidelines concerning the definition of "control".

The ITC has reserved the right to prolong the evaluation period beyond November, the internal deadline. But it is believed to be aiming to render its decision at the October meeting. A re-bid between Virgin TV and Channel 5 Broadcasting,

initial periods of five, seven and

10 years, followed by a pro-

The Falkland Islands gov-

ernment has made clear that it

will apply strict regulations to

tween Chile and the Falkland Is-

lands could be inaugurated as

early as next month. Aerovias

DAP, a Chilean airline based in

the southern port of Punta

Arenas, which currently oper-

ates a Twin Otter on an un-

comfortable five-hour flight

without toilet facilities, is ne-

gotiating for a new aircraft, possibly a Fokker F 28 or BAe

Such aircraft could fly from

the Islands' Mount Pleasant

airport to Punta Arenas in just

over an hour and continue to

Santiago, the Chilean capital, to

connect with British Airways

Much-improved air links be-

duction phase of 35 years.

protect the environment.

would require another 10 days. The fourth bidder, New Century Television, led by Rupert Murdoch's BSkyB, is widely viewed as having proposed the best programming. But its low bid of £2m has apparently tak-

> Ticket prices rose 13 per cent during the year, an inflation-busting rise that was repeated this season as rebuilding work restricted the supply of seats. In anticipation of these figures, United's shares have had a spectacular run, almost doubling since the start of the year, despite yesterday's 7p easing to 204p. They have quadrupled

> shows, the quality of a large proportion of any football club's earnings are extremely volatile and unpredictable, and the shortterm movements of the share price will always reflect that. In the long run, how-

### Bankers' bible loses some gloss

are made in the month of September alone as international banks and bond dealers gear up for the annual meetings of the International Monetary Fund and World Bank. So it was not surprising the market

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## Man Utd scores heavily off-field

There are certain types of business that should never be publicly quoted companies, conventional investment wisdom suggests. They include advertising agen-cies and PR companies and certainly football clubs - businesses, in short, whose major assets get in their cars every evening and go home.

It is simply too risky, the argument goes, to invest in a company whose prospects can be so radically altered by the whim of a small number of employees. If Eric Can-tona were to stamp his foot for the last time and walk out of Old Trafford for good, what then would Manchester United be worth?

Like all good investment saws, however, this one has an equally compelling refutation, the one adopted by Warren Buffett, the legendary American investor, who tries always to invest in companies that have a unique and irreplaceable business franchise. Manchester United, he might argue, shares many of the attributes of Coca-Cola and the Washington Post, investments that over the years have done Mr Buffett proud.

Certainly doubled profits yesterday, up from £10.8m to £20m, confirmed the strength of the Manchester United name. The club's biggest revenue generator last season was not gate receipts but sales of

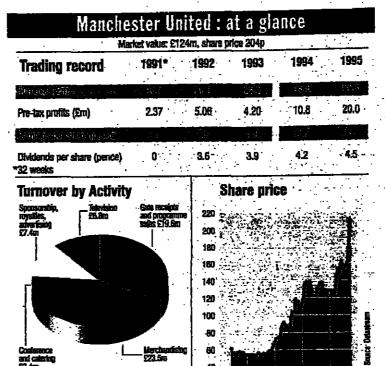
club strips, videos and mugs.

Profits from merchandising soared 65 per cent to £23.5m (£14.2m) as the club cashed in on the previous year's doublewinning run. Returns from product sales were boosted by improved sales from all United's other divisions, advertising, conferences and gate receipts, which rose 10 per cent to £19.6m.

since the beginning of 1993.

As this season's cup disappointment ever, trends within football, and television coverage of it especially, will inevitably mean the leading clubs becoming richer and richer at the expense of the smaller players. A share to tuck away and forget.

A quarter of Euromoney's annual profits



took yesterday's profit warning badly, pushing the shares 312p lower to 1,083p.

The magazine publisher and its major shareholder Daily Mail and General Trust have made a fortune over the last 25 years out of holding a reflecting mirror to the faces of the finance ministers and central bankers who hold centre stage at these meet-

The number of pages in the September issue of the magazine is normally a fair reflection of the health of the international banking and invest-ment community. But while this year's issue is as fat as ever, group margins have plainly been sharply squeezed in months. the second half. Full year figures are likely to be down al

from last year's £24m, reflecting restructuring costs as well as a slump in confidence among international banks.

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The main problem seems to be in AIC, which operates the conferences, seminars and training services in which Euromoney has been building up its stake over the last four years to 75 per cent. AIC accounts for more than half the turnover, although it is a lower margin business, and has suffered losses in some of its newer offices especially in Western Europe. Regular conference schedules have held up well but attendences at its seminars have dropped off and a significant number have been cancelled in the last few

Staff have been laid off in the last

about 25 per cer	ut couple of m	onths, and the	Amsterdam
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3.08m (3.13m)	-0.39m (-0.49m)	-4.55p (-6.02p)	0.68p (-)
72.7m (69.1m)	10,3m (9,9m)	22.75p (22.5p)	8.5p (7.5p)
122.2m (97m)	14.1m (4.36m)	3.78p (1.13p)	0.75p (0.5p)
60.6m (43.8m)	20m (10.8m) .	23.4p (12.2p)	. 4.5p (4.2p)
24.3m (28.7m)	-0.74m (2.11m)	-1.26p (3.43p)	1,56p (1.56p)
85.2m (82.5m)	3.72m (4.11m)	5.22p (5.84p)	2.75p (2.75p)

office has been shut. Restructuring costs of around £2m account for part of the setback and AIC is expected to do little more than break even. The board expects to hold the final dividend at 29.5p and still hopes for a good recovery in the coming year, but analysts are concerned AIC has had too much freedom and remedial measures were started too late in the year. In that context, a prospective price/earnings ratio in the high teens is taking a lot on trust and, even after yes-terday's fail, the shares are expensive.

### Ibstock drops a few bricks

Buying Tarmac's brick manufacturing op-erations for £70m in June may have been the right move for the medium term, giving Ibstock 20 per cent of the UK market and greater control over pricing, but in the face of the worst housing market for years its timing was eccentric. Only four months later. Ibstock now warns it will have to shut down capacity to ensure that stocks don't get out of hand over the winter.

That news, together with Ibstock's failure to find a buyer for its 56 per cent holding in Caima, its Portugese pulp subsidiary, took the shine off otherwise excellent interim results, which show a threefold increase in pre-tax profits to £14.0m (£4.4m) and a 50 per cent jump in the half-time payout to 0.75p.

The growth in interim profits was admittedly from a pretty low base (lbstock crashed heavily into the red in 1992 and 1993), but the improvement was across the board: UK, US and Portugese bricks

as well as pulp.

The star performer, however, was the pulp operation, which benefited from sky-high prices to produce an impressive return on sales of 17 per cent and profits of £6.1m from sales of £36.1m, lbstock says it is selling because of the cyclical nature of pulp, which seems a strange reason when you consider the highly volatile nature of the brick operations it is retaining. In the meantime, profits and cash are flowing usefully.

In keeping with the rest of the building sector, Ibstock has lost about a third of its value since the start of 1994. After yesterday's 1p rise to 72p, the shares stand on a prospective price/earnings ratio of about 10 on the basis of forecast profits before tax of £27m this year.

That is not demanding, especially given the company's recent doubling of its market share, but until the Caima stake is sold gearing remains high and the shares are unlikely to buck the market's dislike of the sector. A forecast yield of 3.5 per cent will hardly improve the

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## Compass clinches | Halstead buoyed by \$250m IBM deal

CLIFFORD GERMAN

Compass Group has snapped up a contract worth \$250m to sup-ply restaurant food and vend-ing machines for 100,000 IBM workers at 29 sites across the United States for the next five

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Compass, which started as a buyout from Grand Met and came to the market less than seven years-ago, is now the world's largest food-service company, supplying meals to staff restaurants, schools, hospitals and airports, stocking vending machines in workplaces and operating contracts for the likes of Burger King and Pizza

The deal is the biggest single food service contract ever awarded in the US and possi-

bly in the world, Compass claimed vesterday.

Mike Bailey, president and chief executive of Canteen Corporation, the US division, said the deal was part of a rapidly developing trend for big US companies to negotiate supply contracts with a single supplier, and would add more than 5 per cent a year to the group's turnover in the US, which acounts for about a quarter of the group's business worldwide.

Although not in quite the same league as the acquisition this summer of Eurest International, a leading hotel caterer, for almost £600m, the deal moved the shares up 17p to 441p yesterday, valuing the group at £1.36bn, up £50m on the day.

## newvinyl floors

A new generation of vinyl floor products and increased overseas sales helped motorcycle to commercial flooring company James Halstead continue its unbroken profit record.

The group overcame further pressure from raw material price increases to post a 4.3 per cent rise in pre-tax profit to £10.32m for the year to end-October. Turnover rose from £69m to £72m. Vincent Clare, chairman, said a squeeze on margins in a competitive commercial flooring market had been offset by the upswing in export vol-ume for its PVC flooring. Export business grew by 19 per cent and accounts for nearly half of sales, with flooring account-

ing for 17 per cent.

Polyfloor Australia, a core business, increased sales by 30 per cent on the back of the new vinyl product ranges, an improved distribution network and sales outlets in Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne and Perth.

The group's outdoor clothing division, Driza-Bone, put on sales in the US, UK. Germany and France and remained profitable despite a margin squeeze caused by cotton shortages. The core of the company's camping business also remained resilient, particularly in Holland, Belgium and France. But there was a mediocre performance in the UK, where competition from cheap package holidays hit sales. Earnings per share rose from 21.68p to 22.75p and the final dividend of 5.5 raised the total for the year to 8.5p.

## Lucy Roberts



Pennant-Rea stepped down as deputy governor of the Bank of England after admitting to an extra-marital affair, whereas Gilmore reigned last week from Lloyds after less than a year as di-

rector of regulation.
A BAT spokesman told
me: "As a tobacco group we're used to controversy. and unafraid of it. The two have got a big contribution to make, in spite of what may or may not have hap-pened in their recent careers. And they are especially valuable because they know a lot about regulation in the financial services area."

Kate Murphy, international bond marketer at Nomura, plans to plunge off a roof today to raise money for the Motivation charity. She will be joined by 200 other likeminded professional women from the City, including Stephanie Field, director of asset trading at Lazard Brothers; Julias Baer, senior



up new appointment at BAT

portfolio manager at Avril Griffiths, and Gillian Haseldon, a senior lawyer at No-mura. They will abseil 110ft down a nine-storey building in Finsbury Square. Royal Marine commandos will be on hand for those who need help getting over the top. " Making it an all-girl thing has definitely got the chaps to dig into their pockets," Murphy said.

Christopher Clement

The canny Yorkshire food company Nordale is profiting from the fortunes of Leeds United football club. News that the team's top scorer, Tony Yeboah, puts his prodigious goal scor-ing efforts down to the discovery of Yorkshire pudding saw executives of Nordale scuttle to the phones to offer free puds

to quench Yeboah's pudding passion.

Their offer is two free puds for every goal and one for each fellow team member. Nordale has now despatched a total of 132 puddings to Elland Road. With 11 goals already so early in the season, Ian Whitfield of Nordale tells me he expects a befty bill by the end of the season.

the specialist financing team within the corporate finance division at SBC Warburg, has joined solicitors Wilde Sapte to expand its major project practice. He will be reunited with Bruce Johnson, who ioins from Linklaters & Paines where Clement-Davies worked before joining Warburg in 1993. While at SBC, Clement-Davies worked on the London & Continental railways consortium, short-listed for the £2.7bn Channel Tunnel rail link project, and the modernisation of Russia's air

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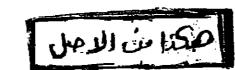
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BAe advances further as GEC bid rumours persist Rumours that GEC, headed by Lord Weinstock, will make a bid for British Aerospace

refuse to die down. Shares in BAe rose 9.5p to 747p yesterday, which compares with the 527p they traded at when GEC outbid the company for VSEL, the submarine maker, in June. Analysts reckon GEC would

have to bid upwards of 900p a share to win control of BAe, a company it has tried to court in the past. At the current price, BAe is worth almost £3.2bn. A bid for BAe is seen by

some as one of the prime reasons why Lord Weinstock continues in his job at the age of

The performance of GEC and BAe yesterday contrasted with most of the other leading 100 shares, which only just managed to remain in positive territory by the close.

Wall Street was largely to blame for the lacklustre session. A 28-point overnight drop on the Dow Jones index unsettled early dealings, and a softer opening during afternoon dealings yesterday in London put the brakes on most of the leaders.

The FT-SE 100 share index closed just 4 points higher at 3,524.2, having been 11.4 better on lower than expected con-

MARKET REPORT

JOHN SHEPHERD

The rise was in response to USAir, the 25 per cent owned associate, announcing it was in talks with American Airlines and United Airlines. Analysis said a full bid for USAir may have to be pitched around \$20 a share, a big premium to the recent \$11.50 the shares have

been trading at. British Airways is seen as be-

quiet, despite Texas Energy Partners increasing the bid stakes for Norweb. The Americans' higher offer is worth £10.85 cash a share, which is 10p more than the pure money put on the table by North West Water but less

paper terms. Norweb finished 5p better at £10.87 and North West Water eased 1p to 591p. Few dealers helieve that the bidding war is yet over, and expect north West to up the ante once

than the rival suitor's cash and

again.
With the electricity sector fast diminishing in numbers, eyes are turning towards water

mega-bids. Northumhrian Water rose a further 20p to £10.33 with many predicting bid action soon from Lyonnais des Eaux-

Dumez. Severn Trent, also widely tipped as a takeover target, ad-

vanced 10p to 659p and Anglian firmed 4p to 593p.

Biggest howler of the day was from Euromoney, which crashed 312p to £10.83 on a profits warning. A major share-holder, Daily Mail & General Trust, fell 20p to £12.65p.
First Choice, the UK's third

largest tour operator, re-mained in the doldrums, losing another 5p to close at a year's low of 65p - just 5p above the rights issue price announced on Monday.

Among the main winners was Compass, the catering group, which increased 17p to close only 1p below this year's high at 441p. The uplift was generated by news of a \$250m lysts said the five-year contract, won by its recently acquired US subsidiary, Canteen Corporation, could add up to £2m a

year in pre-tax profits. P&O was a firm market, rising 2p to 490p ahead of tomorrow's presentation to analysts. There is some faint speculation that P&O will move soon to buy the Cunard Line from the troubled Trafalgar House, a penny better at

28.5p.
News of a boardroom resbuffle lifted Granada 7p to 647p, although the rest of the leisure sector looked flat.

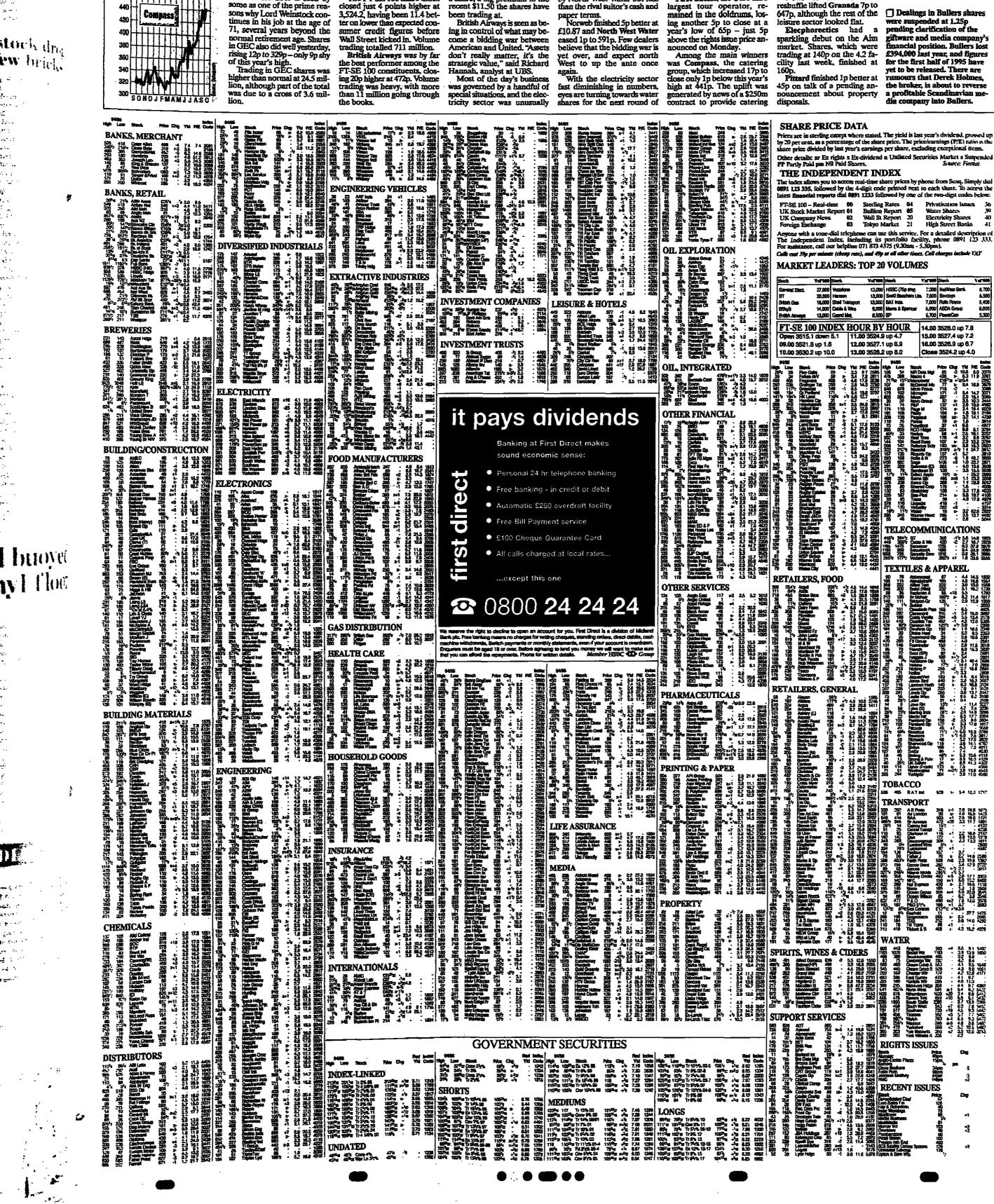
Elecphorectics had a sparking debut on the Aim market. Shares, which were trading at 140p on the 4.2 fa-cility last week, finished at

Pittard finished 1p better at 45p on talk of a pending announcement about property

tion of a imminent takeover bid for Fine Decor, the wallpaper company. Shares rose 8p to 169p. Favoured suitor is Vymura, steady at 129p, although there was some talk of a bid being made from Canada. Fine Decor shares have been a disappointing performer since they joined the market at 210p in 1993. The company recently warned it was being squeezed by higher raw material prices and lack-

TAKING STOCK

lustre consumer demand. Dealings in Bullers shares were suspended at 1.25p pending clarification of the giftware and media company's financial position. Bullers lost £394,000 last year, and figures for the first half of 1995 have yet to be released. There are rumours that Derek Holmes the broker, is about to reverse a profitable Scandinavian me-



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THE CECIL/SHEIKH MOHAMMED SPLIT: End of an era for a yard once tied to triumphs in maroon and white

# Flag of uncertainty over Warren Place

roon and white silks. André Pab-

re, at Chantilly, prepares almost

twice as many runners for the

horses to winter in Dubai, his endeavour provoked enough mistaken predictions to keep a bookmaker in profit for years. Some wrote it off as a rich man's folly, others, just as misguided, predicted that Newmarket would soon be a ghost town. Noone, though, would have thought that the Dubai experiment would precipitate an end to the 14-year relationship between the Sheikh, the world's leading racehorse owner, and Henry Cecil, Britain's pre-em-

inent trainer for two decades. For Cecil, it is not just a question of numbers, even though he has lost 40 horses, 20 per cent of his string. After all, there will be no shortage of owners who wish to stable their horses at Warren Place. Future biographers, though, will see the dissolution of his partnership with the Sheikh as a defining moment in his so far brilliant career.

It marks, quite simply, the end of an era. During the glory days at Warren Place, the seasons in the 1980s and early 1990s when the family standard which flies to mark a Group One success barely left the flagpole, there were several key figures at Cecil's yard. Sheikh

When Sheikh Mohammed began to send his most promising. Greg Wood on Henry Cecil's career and prospects after losing a fifth of his string

CECIL FACTFILE

Married: 18 October 1966 to Julie (two children, Katle and Noel); 14 February 1991 to Natalle (one son, Jake).

First trainer's licence: 1969 (Assistant trainer to Sir Cecil Boyd-Rochfort

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94, 76, 65 (to date). Big winners trained for Sheikh Mobammed: Oh So Sharp (1985 1,000

Guineas, Oales St Leger); Diminuendo (1983 Oales, Irish Oales, Volteshire Oales) Old Vic (1989 Prix du Jocksy-Ctub, Irish Derby); Alydaress (1989 Irish Oales); Indian Skimmer (1987 Prix de Diane, 1988 Champion Stakes, 1989 Prix d'is-

on trainer: 1976, 1978, 1979, 1982, 1984, 1985, 1987, 1988

ing totals 1969 to 1995: 27, 35, 53, 51, 39, 50, 82, 52, 74, 109

Mohammed supplied the am-school owner-breeders such as munition - Oh So Sharp, Diminuendo, Indian Skimmer, Old Vic, Belmez, Julie, his first wife, and Paddy Rudkin, an exceptional head lad, played vital roles in the preparation and Steve Cauthen punched them home with panache. The Sheikh is the last of them to leave. The question now is whether he

has also turned out the lights. With Khalid Abdullah still strongly represented, and con-tinued support too from the old-

the: Henry Richard Amherst Cecil

Born: 11 January, 1943

Lord Howard de Walden who originally launched his career, Cecil will still have a string of considerable strength. Abdullah's breeding operation provided him with a Derby winner, Commander In Chief, two seasons ago, and the Sussex Stakes winner, Distant View, last year.

In any case, Cecil had long since slipped from the top of the Sheikh's pecking order. John Gosden returned from California in 1988 to train more than

Sheikh as Cecil; David Loder, Newmarket's finest young talent, was enjoying his patronage almost before the ink had dried on his licence. Loder, perhaps significantly, is seen very much as a team player, the industrious, selfless midfielder in Mohammed United. Loder, certainly, would see the removal of his best two-yearolds to the Godolphin operation

for their Classic season as the owner's business, and possibly as a mark of his own success. Cecil works to older - some would say outdated - rules of ownership and honour. Classic Cliche, Vettori and Moonshell were all Warren Place juveniles in 1994 who won Classics for Godolphin this year. Cecil felt their loss personally, and, rather unwisely, allowed his reservations to become public.

For the Maktoums too have a powerful sense of honour. It extends - particularly in the case of Hamdan al Maktoum, Sheikh Mohammed's brother to continued patronage of trainers with a long history of painfully limited success. But public criticism - however



Henry and Natalie Cecil, a partnership that lost patronage

crosses their line in the sand. Cecil, somewhat unusually, had long been the only leading trainer to work for just one member of the family. Any remote chance of extending his client list among the brothers and any fellow natives of Dubai has now evaporated.

Twenty years is a long time at the top. Henry Cecil got there with a mixture of good fortune - his mother married the

4.45 Gala's Pride

MARKET RASEN

2.10 Bigwheel Bill 2.40 Fearless Wonder 3.10

Pleasure Trick 3.45 Bertone 4.15 Phil's Time

Rececourse is east of town on AG31. Market Resen rathway station (Lincoln – Grimsby line) is less than one mile sway. AD-MISSION: Cleb \$12; Tattersalls \$8 (OAPs who are reembers of course's Jubilee Club \$4); Silver Ring \$4 (Jubilee Club OAPs \$2). GAB PARK: picnic areas \$2; remainder free.

LONG-DISTANCE RUNNERS: Phil's Time (4.45) has been sent 173 miles by T G Mills from Headley, Surrey.

2.10 TOWN END LADIES HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS F) £2,600 added 2m 3f 110yds

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2.40 ASH RESOURCES HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS D) £4,000 added 3m

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11310-5 ROSBNA MAE (18) (D) Mis J Ramsden 6 12 0 ....

3.10 RATCLIFFE SELLING HURDLE (CLASS G)

£2,400 added 2m 1f 110yds

O-FG ARROBANE BOY (S) D Clapmen 6 11 0 R Gar PP(OPP) BIG CHANCE (684) J Gover 6 11 0 Mer C Bornan BRACKENTHINATE L Loyd-Lames 5 11 0 R Doman 229F LITTLE SLACKEOT (37) J Habor 7 11 0 A 5 8 420-536 LITTLE COMMER (25) A Sireh 7 11 0 M Brea POP TO SURAIS J PRIZE 8 11 0 P J

-12 declared BETTING: 9-4 Star Performer, 5-2 Pressure Trick, 9-2 Brackmathwaite, 51 Little Blackfoot, 7-1 Pop To Stana, 10-1 Little Conies, 25-1 others

TOWCESTER

4.55 Barrana Cove

HYPERION

2.20 Ble Pat 2.50 Hawalian Youth 3.20 Strong

Medicine 3.55 Royal Saxon 4.25 San Giorgio

GOING: Cood to Firm (Firm in places).

Right-hand, undulating circuit, Russin of 140yd.

Course is on A5 SS of town, Bus service from Northampton railway sistion, ADMISSION: Membess \$12; Tatternalis £8; Course

WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: None.

LONG-DISTANCE RUNNERS: Regal Sexon (3.55) has been sent.

204 miles by P Bowen from Haverfordwest, Dyled.

2.20 LIGHTING EQUIPMENT NEWS SELLING HURDLE (CLASS F) £2,600 added 2m 5f

BETTING: 5-4 King Acrylic, 9-4 Big Pet, 7-2 Telener Systems, 6-1 Halbess Texu

2.50 LIGHTING INSTALLER NOVICE CHASE (CLASS E) £4,000 added 2m 110yds

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3.20 EBF NOVICES HURDLE (QUALIFIER) (CLASS D) £3,500 added 2m

10-32 WALKING TALL (23) (CD) T McGovern 4 11 4 ...... A P McCoy 

13 ..... M A Rizgaraid. non 4 10 12 ........ C Liewellys

\$4 (car plus all occupants \$15). CAR PARK: Free.

65/ BIG PAT (580) J O'Shee 6 10 13 . 24 KING ACRYLIC (28) R Brotherton 4

- 6 declared -hendicap weights: Lord Nasira St. Sto, Related

ktz, 3-1 Rosina Mae, 11-2 Ju-

WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: None

veiled - from an employee · Queen's trainer, Sir Cecil Boyd-Rochfort, while Julie, his own first wife, was the daughter of Noel Murless, the previous

> outstanding talent. Even before yesterday's announcement, though, his career was showing signs of wear. In the 1980s, a one-in-three strike rate and 120 or so winners in a season were almost the acceptable minimum. Now, the

master of Warren Place. - and

and he has not reached three figures since 1992.

A second marriage, a new child - amateur psychologists in Newmarket's saloon hars will find many reasons for the waning of Cecil's star. But for two decades, he was the guv'nor. If he is now slipping towards the bottom of the first division, perhaps even the top of the second, he can still reflect that in his own lifetime at least, there percentage is barely one in five, will be no one to match him.

3.45 WEST BURTON OPENING NOVICE CHASE (CLASS D) £5,000 added 2m 1f 110yds

POCCP LEADER SAL (644) | Vecto 6 11 1 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ D Ryan OP- LORD VEVENNE (200) B Rothwell 6 11 1 \_\_\_\_\_\_ R Sa 44/415 SALMAN (USA) (137) Mrs V Ward 9 11 1 \_\_\_\_\_ R D

- 11. declared -BETTRNS: 2-1 Noblety, 9-4 Bertone, 4-1 King Athelstan, 6-1 Gustry's Myth. 12-1, Selman, Casny Lad, 20-1 Shelton Abbers, 25-1 others

161112/0 VERY CHEERING (14) (CD) Miss M Rowland 12 11 2 ..

4 declared 4 declared Minimum weight: 10st. The handicep weight: Pennian Gale 9st 11th.

BETTERS: 4-5 Magic Bloom, 7-4 Over The Stream, 8-1 Very Cheering, 12-

4.45 CHAIRMAN'S NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS D) £3,500 added 2m 3f 110yds

BOOTS N ALL M Wikinson 5 10 11 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ CAN CAN CHARLIE (193) J Peace 5 10 11 \_\_\_\_\_

MCA SELOW THE UNE ! | Fum 7 10 11

200- STAR OF DAVID (184) Miss A Embinos 7 10 11. 00- SURDAY'S MAN (186) B Roman 5 10 11......

une, 8-1 Absolom's Pillar, MCA Bolow The Line, 10-1 Books N All, 16-1.

5.20 'SILVER SILO' MARES NOVICE HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS F) £2,600 2m 1f

Minimum weight: 10st. The handicap weights: Missus Murtill 9st 12b, Ross-

narius seconi. BETTING: 4-6 Gola's Pride, 4-1 Britannia Mills, 5-1 Life Dencing, 8-1 Lucy Rufty, 25-1 Missus Martill, 23-1 Rosscoyne

3.55 BATHROOMS & KITCHENS, THE MAGAZINES HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS E)

- 10 declared -

Minimum weight: 10st. Twe handleap weights: Vicar Of Bray Set 13th, Par-son's Way Set Sto, Dennington Sst Blo, Minge Dancer Sst. BETTHICE 5-2 Frozen Drop, 4-1 Zumirali, 9-2 Royel Sason, 8-1 Vicar Of

4.25 BRITISH PRINTER NOVICE HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS F) £2,600 added 3m

- 7 declared BETTING: 2-1 Cats Rus, 9-4 Express Travel, 5-2 San Giorgio, 6-1 Sounds
Golden, 20-1 Souret Bid, 40-1 Pettangis, 68-1 Northern Eletion

4.55 KITCHEN INFORMATION SERVICE HAND-ICAP HURDLE (CLASS F) £3,000 added

002353- ATHERTON GREEN (181) (D) J Glover 5 12 D ... M A Filagerale

0011-64 NO LIGHT (19) (D) (BF) Mrs | McKe 8 11 9 ...... Harvey

35510- BANWA COVE (168) Mrs J Ceol 4 11 12 ...

10 POF5/56- LAABAS (877) (0) J Long 12 10 0.....

Joy's First, 20-1 Royal Circus, 40-1 Laabas

Minimum weight: 10st. True handicap weight: Laabas 9st 13b. BETTING: 3-1 Atherton Green, 4-1 Jovel Third, 5-1 No Light, 6-1 Desert Chesenger, 7-1 Banesse Cove, National Flag, 8-1 Stapleton Lady, 14-1

Bosu, 7-1 Nathan Biake, 8-1 Fer Senior, Developing, 16-1 others.

£4.500 added 3m 1f

2-1 PORPHYRIOS (12) K Bainy 4 11 2...... ABSALOM'S PELAR J Macke 5 10 11...

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62P56-4 SHELTON ARREY (8) J Wade 9 11 1 .....

40/0 CANNY LAD (19) N. Beeby 5 11 0 ...

NOBLETY (USA) (12) N Waster 8 11 6 .

## Larder is full of hope for Connolly

Rugby League DAVE HADFIELD

The England coach, Phil Larder, is clinging to a hope that Gary Connolly could be fit for at least part of the Halifax Centenary World Cup.

The Wigan centre or fullback is definitely out of the opening match against Australia at Wembley on Saturday, following a bout of pneumonia.

But Larder, on record as wishing there were two Gary Connolly's to fill both positions, is waiting to see if there are any signs of a startling re-covery before writing him off. "We have been told that he will be out for four to six weeks," he said. "But he is a very fit athlete and we are not going to panic

by ruling him out." Any decision on bringing in a replacement is being delayed and, even if there is a newcomer to the squad before Saturday, he will not be considered for the match against the world champions. That points to Wigan's 19-year-old Kris Radlinski being named at full-back when Larder announces his team today, with yet another Wigan player, Barrie-Jon Mather, at centre.

There is still a doubt about Martin Offiah's various leg injuries and he is likely to be included only provisionally.

The Australian coach. Bob Fulton, will not name his side until tomorrow, but all the indications are that the two Tongans controversially included in his squad will be in the starting line-up. John Hopoate of Man-ly is set to win the three-way tussle for a place on the wing, while 4.15 JACKSON SHIPLEY HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS F) £3,500 added 3m 1f Jim Dymock of the new Australian Premiers, the Sydney Bulldogs, could be preferred to Jason Smith, who is short of match practice following an ankle injury, at loose forward.

The selection would go some way towards deflecting criticism that the two were selected in order to spite Tonga, who have taken the Super League's side in the power struggle against the Australian Rugby League.

Certainly, the mood yesterday at Old Trafford, as representatives of the 10 competing nations assembled for the first time, was one of setting differences aside. 'We are disappointed not to have them with us," said the new Tongan captain, Duane Mann, of his missing fellow-countrymen. "But we respect their decision to play for Australia and we wish them well."

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There was more harmony from Fulton, expressing his satisfaction with the choice of the Widnes referee, Stuart Cummings, to take charge of the

opening contest. The tournament director. Maurice Lindsay, who revealed that 23,600 tickets have been sold so far for Saturday's match at Wembley, also made an attempt to bury the hatchet - and not in ARL heads. "My views on Australia not selecting Super League players have been widely reported, but it would be wrong to try to denigrate the 25

players who are here," he said. "As far as I'm concerned, the Super League issue will be left outside this competition. It is the athletes who will now do the

talking. The most compelling talk at the tournament's launch came from the Western Samoan and former Wigan and New Zealand coach, Graham Lowe. Asked to describe the prepa-

rations of a squad which, for all the talent of players such as Va'aiga Tuigamala and John Schuster, has never actually played together, he painted an idyllic picture. "We're going to do it island style." he said. "We'll have a get-together, a few drinks, something to eat, some guitars and a sing-song. A couple of games of touch football and we'll be ready."

That might sound hit-andmiss, but Lowe has demonstrated the talent at his disposal by leaving two highly-regarded British-based players, Sam Panapa of Salford and St Helens' Apollo Perelini, on the bench for Samoa's opening match against France in Cardiff next Thursday.

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DRAW ADVANTAGE: Low for 64 & 6.

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BLINKERED FIRST THES Verses (visored) (2.30); Swan Ar Whalley (visored), Bine Slour, Silk Cottage (3.00); Ocean Stream (5.05).
WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: None.
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LONG-DISTANCE EUNNESS: Syring Campaign (4.08) sent 271 miles by M Pipe from Nicholashsyne, Devor; Clouded Elegame (3.28) sext 259 miles by Lady Herries from Anguse-ing Park, W Sussex; Nilgiri Eille (2.00) sent 255 miles by J Dunlop from Arundel, W Sussex.

2.00 LEOPARDSTOWN NURSERY HANDICAP (CLASS C) £8,000 added 2YO 6f Penalty Value £6,472 7 00005 ORBELLAD (S) (D) (Forthal White & Co. Ltd. P. Einma B 8.

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MILLEIRO HIELS was clear of the other 19 numers when a neck second to Warming Trends in a sk-funding Lebester numery 16 days ago. That was a cracking effort against an improved horse who has gone on to win again and Nilgin Hills, who was numery for the first time since July, tooks a better animal now. It could be that the easier auturan going helps and if he continues to fourfain he must pick up a numery before long. Available made all when the decisive winner of a Lebester numery (6ft in August but appeared to run moderately at Ayr (5f conditions event) afterwards. Preference is for Deshing Bitse who has firsted ahead of five of these in makden or numery common on his tattent two status. ately at Ayr (5f conditions event) afterwards. Preference is for Deahling Blue who has 8n-shed ahead of five of these in meiden or nursery company on his tract two starts and seems fairly weighted. He should still be fresh, having had a break from 1. July to the end of August. He book his chance in a hot musery at Newmerker afterwards and faded back to nirth place behind Creative Account, but he should lest longer in this company. Pharmac-cy would have won at Catterick in July had forly less not taken things too says too soon but he took a maden race at Ayr in August before a lackluster run in a Redoor nursery when Cumbrian Maestro was fourth to Mybotye. First Makits is a brother to the stable's win-ning spraxer Salformade and hight easily improve further on last month's Beverley mald-en win even though the form of that race looks nothing special.

2.30 MICKLEGATE RATED HANDICAP (CLASS B) £12,750 addled 1m Penalty Value £8,155

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BETTERC 3-1 Akt, 7-2 Verzen, 4-1 Cool Edge, 11-2 Confronter, 7-1 Pay Horange, 15-2 Moning Arrows, 8-1 Blomberg, 25-2 New Century

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VERZEN is useful but does tend to cock his head and might just need an injection of conditione, so the fitting of a histor could do the trick. Frankle Detton's side must also come into the equation and Verzen quicleaned to win a good seven-fusional headings at Newmer-leal in early August. He was one of the fewormast for the Festival Handlage at Ascot but never looked his taking a senous hand, though far from degraced in finishing a newer-reserve toked histories. Lew Commission held up proceedings when escaping the stake and pempas the delay affected Verzen more than most. He gives weight to all her Bloomheng (Listed placed at Kempton in April) but looks good enough at his best even if a slight question-mark would area if the going solitens up. Alid (10th) finished about there three tengths altered of Verzen in that big Ascot handlage and is just a pound worse off. He won handlaged at Sandown and Doncasser previously and looked well at Ascot where he was eased near the fanish. He should go well, Pay Housege has seemed to come to his best in May in recent seasons but he very nearly won an Epsom handlage last morath. Even sid, he has a bit to find at the weights and livering Amort might have a better chance if he settles. He made all when winning under Jason Wester at Haydook in August but even there he took a tearsome tog on the way to the start. Commoster could hardly be in better hear but this is a tough test for hint. Selections VERZEN.

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18 500000 TENOR (7) (D) (Stodiny Thompson) D Nicholis 4 8 8...
19 3-40040 ELLE SIOUX (B) (L Arbin) J Winston 3 8 6...
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SETTING: 8-1 Abyens, 9-1 Mactaniane & Royal Dome, 12-1 Charbell Halt, Here Comes A Star, 1A-1 Assalman, Just Bob, 16-1 Craigle Boy, Insider Trades, Joses, Miss Aragos, Polly Particulae, Silk-Cottags, Surface, 20-1 Holony Star, Handy-Fre, Rich Star, Texos, 25-1 others 1994: Societome 5 9 8 W Casson 14-1 (T D Bernn) 18 ran

The draw is something of an impondeable at this late stagle of the season although if the ground dhed up it might well help the high numbers. Ian Balding's three-year-old ALDANA has done nothing wrong in three starts since returning from a three-month break end after numing second to Double Matti in a Thissk malden she won a smiler event over the stiff five at Beverley (Sik Cottage seventrit) before a cold handicap effort when fourth to Squier Corrie at Newmarket last Priday. Allyeine was a neck and short-head behind the numer-up, Royal Dome, but seemed to be at a slight deadwantage racing wide of the others in the finish. Royal Dome ran a fine race and was permend by Milched Roberts who had been on a winner at Lingfield earlier that afternoon. Roberts will be hoping the ground stays good for Royal Dome who appears best on the faster types of surface. Macfarigue likes Chester where he ran out a convincing winner of a five-furiong handicap hardy rules him out if he gets the run of the race from stall 23. On the opposite Bank lurks Assellman who would be interesting if the ground eastes further. He has become an infrequent winner but did have the confidence booster of a Cettenick claiming-race win in August. Hickary Slue has nut well here in the FORM GUIDE

booster of a Cattarick claiming-race win in August. Hickory Blue has run well here in the past and was lith of 25 in a Goodwood handicap last Friday, while Stilk Cottage, who tends to hang, coald be straightened out by the blinkers and Chadwell Hadl is a tough sort who has improved for his strawd stable this year.

3.35 BOOKER CHEF'S LARDER HANDICAP (CLASS D) £8,000 added 1m 2f 85yds Penalty Value £6,264

- 23 declared -

Librarion weight: 7st 7th. True handless weight: Mouless 7st 2h. BETTING: 7-2 Sheer Dendig. 5-1 Sedentially wags; second 55 24. Beginnes, 10-1 Percy Bandheulte, indonnation, 12-2 others 1994; Treed The Boards 3 7 2 N Variey 6-1 (T D Barron) 14 ma FORM GUIDE

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The firshened-up CLOUPED ELEGANCE looks interesting. Lady Herries had horses run well at Redcar and Wervick yesterday and sine got a van out of Clouded Elegance on his first run for her at Notingam in May. Formerly with ian Baiding, Clouded Elegance showed even better form when fourth to Smart Generation in a Newbury handicap next time and his between Beverley effort in June, over what might have been a trip too fax, is best torgiven. Sweat Migaonathe came back to her best when winning an apprentices' event at Portla-fract less time and she escapes a penalty, so is bound to be a popular choice. A vessable sort who has jumps form and was stath in less year's Cambridgestime, she rates a big threat if she gets her favoured good ground. Steer Descale has struck a good patch of form and ran well off his new hardicap mark of 80 when fifth of 18 to Scaraben at Ayr last time, while Sweet Migaonatic's stablemane Surrey Descar is capable of good form and Westbridge Lad is a tough sort who has been holding his own in competitive handicaps.

Selection: CLOUDED ELEGANCE.

4.05 MONKGATE MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS E) £8,000 added 2YO 1m Penalty Value £6,004

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# The last bastions of amateurism

After rugby union's switch to the professional ranks. you might think no one competes at the highest level purely for the love of their sport. Actually, they do. **Mike Rowbottom** reports

s rugby union sets off in earnest down the road marked "professionalism", the reverberations of its decision are passing through the main body of British sport. It is, in the main, an amateur body. For a huge number of sportsmen and women in this country, turning professional is simply not an option - the money is not there. Unlike football, athletics.

cricket or rugby, their sports do not regularly attract large

crowds, and so do not attract

large television contracts. Or maybe it is the other way round. Either way, most are caught in a familiar situation - the phrase "Catch-22" has widespread currency in British sporting circles. But by no means everyone would embrace professionalism were it to become viable. Many are happy for it to

remain the Road Not Taken. Rowing, despite its dalliance with professional racing a century ago, remains one of Britain's most rigorously amateur sports. Even Stephen Redgrave, four times an Olympic champion, has effectively to earn his living with appearances for his spousors

in insurance and sportswear.

If life is hard for Redgrave, it is harder still for Guin Batten. At 28, she has established herself as Britain's leading single sculler.

Despite being a qualified exercise physiologist, she has chosen to devote herself to training as she prepares for next year's



It must be love: the dedicated few who relish rowing as 'one of the few remaining amateur sports in Britain' devote themselves to practice on the Thames near Putney Photograph: Peter Jav Bridge. Britain's leading women's single sculler, Guin Batten (inset), says: 'Hardship makes me stronger in a perverse sort of way

with a little help from her friends, family and a £2,000 grant from

They put their heads down and the Sports Aid Foundation. She estimates it costs £9,000 a year for her to row, quite apart from living costs. But she is not - she

really is not - complaining.
"If, out of the blue, all our events were being televised and my club was offering to pay me to row, I think I would be able to handle it," she said. "But it would remove something.

\*Rowing is the sort of sport where people say 'Sod everyone They put their heads down and

become an insular group.

"I'm not sure you could do
that so successfully if you were
being pulled in different directions, going to meetings, sign-ing autographs. The other thing to consider is that if you are paid, and life becomes more comfortable, do you get softer? Does it mean as much to you?

"When it really, really hurts coming into the last part of a race, I never think about the else, we're going to work and we money I might earn. I just think

Tve put so much into this, this of people in rowing like to think is for me.' I definitely feel that of it as one of the few remainhardship makes me stronger in a perverse sort of way.

Jim Bichard, who coaches Batten and others at Thames Rowing Club, also identifies a "masochistic" streak to many rowers. "If we ever went professional it would really split the attitudes within the sport," he said. "It would cause a lot of hassle. I don't think it would make the sport any more competitive. Our rowers don't train any less hard than Linford Christie. A lot ing amateur sports in Britain."

That kind of attitude is not confined to rowing. Bernie Cot-ton, who played hockey for England for 10 years and went on to manage them between 1988 and 1992, recalls the feeling of satisfaction he and his m-mates felt when returning from major championships. We might not have won, but

we always had a feeling that we cherished about such a sporting were the best of the truly amalife. Not that Cotton decries teur sides. We were proud what attempts there have been

to transform hockey's status. about that. And I think people In 1988, after Sean Kerly and in the game still are." Cotton now coaches his local Co had won the Olympic trile for side, Bishop's Stortford. "Our Britain, large sums of money began to flow into the sport. Cotplayers arrive in the evenings brain dead after a hard day in ton estimates that hockey was the City," he said. "You can't do five years ahead of rugby union at that point. Remember this was anything exotic in training. And at the weekend they drink far before rugby established the too much and have a good Courage League structure and right at the start of the Geoff Cooke-Will Carling transfortime. But that's what it's There is something to be mation of England's fortunes. But the lack of depth in spectator interest, and the absence of

traditional money-making fix-

ed, undercut the enterprise.

Risk lu Lewis Janha

Like rowing and hockey, swimming has also raised its national profile on occasions, thanks to the achievements of such as David Wilkie, Duncan Goodhew, Adrian Moorhouse and Sharron Davies. But it also labours under the handicap of not being a great spectator sport and only the clite will be able to make some kind of a living in or through the sport.

To be honest, I don't see swimming changing, said Paul Bush, director of swimming at the Amateur Swimming Asso-ciation. "We are a relatively open sport, and I think direct payments will replace trust funds for competitors by the year 2000. But I don't think we would ever attract sufficient sponsorship and media atten-tion to do what rughy is doing." Mike Smith, chief executive of

Basketball League Ltd, the company constituted by the 13 pre-mier league clubs, identifies a growing challenge in keeping the balance between unpaid officials and paid competitors.

Earlier this year Smith visited the United States, where he witnessed some of the changes made in the National Basketball Association, where there had been widespread concern over increasing levels of aggression and verbal abuse among players. There has been a toughening up of the rules in the US, and an increase from two to three officials in charge of games. "Maybe this is the kind of thing amateur sports' need to be addressing themselves to," Smith said.

Smith, however, believes the distinction between professional and amateur does not apply in his particular sport because of the way it evolved in this country in the early 1970s, when imported US players were paid and co-existed happily with unpaid home-grown team-mates. "The notion of professional and amateur is really an irrelevancy in basketball." Smith said. In that respect, it is more open than most British sports.

By John Cassy

## THE GAIN GAME: SPORT-BY-SPORT GUIDE TO THE REWARDS AVAILABLE TO BRITONS AT PLAY

Has a relaxed view on the subject of amateurism. Anglers in competitions tend to be fishing for prizemoney and the underlying philosophy is: "If you can earn cash from angling, then good luck."

### **Athletics**

Following years as an amateur sport, athletes can now receive money direct. The International Amateur Athletic Federation rules changed two years ago; previously money had to be paid into trust funds. Athletes can apply for a direct payment card which wil authorise them to receive funds directly. The granting of cards is conditional upon full and complete compliance by the athlete and his representative with IAAF rules and regulations. The top athletes can eam £10,000-£50,000 per meet.

### **Badminton**

There is no real differentiation, with professionals competing routinely alongside amateurs.

### Basketball

Basketball is an entirely open game, although in Britain there is a salary cap to maintain competitiveness. The majority of British club sides consist of a mixture of professionals, students and amateurs. The annual team salary limit is £100,000. The policy has been successful, maintaining healthy crowd attendances and preventing domination by one club, as hap-pened with Crystal Palace in the 1970s and Kingston in the 80s. Individual earnings range from expenses for part-timers to about £20,000 for top pros.

### **Boxing**

A boxer loses his amateur status when he signs to a professional manager, which usually happens when the boxer has been headhunted. Once the British Board of Boxing Control clears the application for the two to team up, the boxer is deemed professional. New pros can expect as little as £250 per fight. The sky is the limit for the heavyweight champion of the world.

### **Canoeing**

The International Canoeing Federation scrapped the sport's amateur status at their annual congress last year. Any sponsor-ship must be registered with the

By the end of 1996 amateurism in cycling will be entirely dead. The track side of the sport is already open and in next year's Olympics there will be an open road race featuring the world's top professional cyclists as well as... amateurs. Lesser-known pros eam around £10,000 a year, but the sport's biggest names can eam £2m-£3m during their careers

Cricket

between amateur and professional. For a golfer to retain his amateur status he must not be compensated for teaching or playing, must not play for prizemoney and must not directly or indirectly promote products or appear in advertisements. Celebrity pro-am tournaments are

tinction abolished 1963.

Summary: Amateur and professional dis-

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teurism entered sport, but the influence of

As a result amateurs and professionals oc-

cupied different dressing-rooms, entered the ground through different gates and ate in different areas despite playing in the

same teams. Changes began to take place after the Second World War and the dis-

tinction became increasingly blurred with

body, decided that the distinction should be done away with and all players were re-ferred to simply as "Cricketers". The first one-day game followed later that year

Earnings: In 1995 a capped player would earn, on average, about £14,500; this figure will rise to about £18,000 next year.

For the rest of the Test-playing nations the situation is slightly less clear-cut. In Australia in 1977 the advent of World Series

Cricket was the big step towards profes-sionalism. In the 1977 Centenary Test

each Australian player received A\$2,000; by 1995 that figure had risen to around A\$6,500 (£3,250) per Test. While the

West Indies have had a fully fledged protessional side for the past 20 years or so the majority of the other Test-playing ha-

tions are at a half-way house stage. While:

their leading players are full-time professionals reaping the financial rewards of English professional county cricket, the

other Test players and club players recen

very little in the way of remuneration.

players securing sponsors and the like. In

ssional divide was strengthened.

### a grey area because celebrities, in being paid to appear, are

effectively playing as professionals while retaining amateur status. Similarly hole-inone competitions at amateur clubs, where the prize is money or a car, effectively make the winner a professional if they accept the prize. **Gymnastics** 

### Gymnastics remains an entirely

amateur sport. Any promotional payments to gymnasts must be cleared with the British Amateur Gymnastics Association first and then passed straight to the association. The cash is then put into a trust fund. No advertising is allowed to be displayed on clothing or equipment unless it is the approved trademark of the manufacturer. The rules are currently being revised for 1996.

Hockey also remains an amateur sport, defining an amateur as a person who plays, umpires etc "by choice or as a diversion or for his physical or moral well-being and who does not directly or indirectly derive any profit or financial benefit therefrom." Payments for other activities may be made but they must go into a special fund. If a player is found to have breached amateur status then suspension is the usual result. Players cannot appear in sponsorship deals unless the associa-

### ship for himself. Judo

Top fighters are full-time professionals, others maintain jobs. The top fighters, training full-time, are funded by sponsorship. The very

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### best are on grants of about £18,000 pa. Lesser-known fighters compete for grants amounting

to about £250 a quarter. Rowing Rowing is another sport proud to retain its amateur traditions. An amateur may not receive any contributions towards his expenses either in training or in competition except from the funds of the Amateur Rowing Association, or funds administered by the Association or the club which he

represents. A rower may, however, accept tree tr modation provided that the club to which he belongs informs the Association, and he satisifies himself that acceptance will not be made the subject of an advertisement. Cash prizes go to the Association and the money is ei-

ther used for expenses or held

### **Show Jumping** The sport will be entirely open

from January 1996. There has always been a distinction between amateur "cempetitors" and professional "riders" but from next year all nders will simply be com-petitors. Professionals will be able to take part in the Olympics when previously they have been excluded. The only restrictions placed on riders are that they are all required to hold a competition licence and they have to notify the British Equestrian Federation of any commercial sponsors they

Skiing Skiing in Britain remains an amateur sport with sponsorship money going through the Ski Federation. Expenses can be re-claimed through the competitor's fund in a similar way to gymnas-

Rugby League

ninasy: Rugby League bloke from the

### Squash

Squash-has been an entirely open game since 1979. The top 50 players tend to be full-time pros with the rest combining jobs and playing. The top three players in Britain can earn up to £30,000 a year.

### **Swimming**

The word amateur has been dropped from the sport. Swimmers can receive prize-money but it must go through a swimming fund administered by the Amateur Swimming Association. Accounts are neld for e swimmer who can claim expenses once a month. The sport's biggest names can choose to create trust funds and invest some of their earnings. Although the world governing body, Fina, decided about 18 months ago that swimmers can be paid money direct, the ASA has chosen not to change its rules. The leading swimmers in the country can earn £15,000-£20,000 in a year.

### Tennis The decision to make the 1968

Wimbledon tournament an open event is seen as the crucial move towards widespread professional tennis. Tennis has always had professional coaches but prior to the 1968 decision the majority of professionals were found in the pro circus that was played mainly in the United States. The first professional tournament here was aunched in Bournemouth in 1968. The only place where amateurs remain in any number in tennis today is in the US college system, and the majority of them progress quickly to become fully fledged professionals. The earnings can be spectacular. In 1994, 13 professionals earned over \$1m (£650,000) each from prize money, Pete Sampras topping the list with \$3.6m. All of the top 160 earned more \$100,000 in prize-money last year.

Volleyball Volleyball in Britain remains a to-tally amateur sport, but on the Continent, where the game has a much higher profile, players are routinely given jobs with the major companies who sponsor, and run, the individual volleyball clubs. Within the game there is no objection or opposition to professionalism.

7.30 unless states COCA-COLA CUP 

## SCOTTISH LEAGUE CHALLENGE CUP SEMI-FINALS

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AMON INSURRANCE CONSERVATION Pass Divisions: Lossed v Burgham; Limon v Brastal City; Norsich v v Wast Harry, Cursol Usi v Crystaf Palace, Win-badden v Cherton (2.0), Second League Cus-Brinningham v Namport (7.0) (at Sutton Coldinald Town); Cardell v Chalanham.

## handle professionalism

How the big four sports

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Countries qualifying for future World Cups, including the next one hosted by Wales in 1999,

will almost certainly be paid a

participation fee in accordance

with rugby union's new profes-sional dispensation.

as £1m each though, in floating

the idea at a Rugby World Cup

Ltd briefing in London yesterday, the RWC director Marcel Mar-

tin named no figures and mere-

ly speculated that it could be a

percentage of gate-takings. For

this year's tournament, partic-

ipating unions each received £35,000 towards kitting-out.

Martin advised that none of

the 1995 profit of £22.1m would

be diverted to Max Brito, the Ivo-

rian player who was paralysed in

the pool match against Tonga, over and above the insurance al-ready in place. Nor would there

be any special provision to safe-

guard the future of the game in

the Pacific islands, which have

been abandoned by the southern-

hemisphere unions' £360m tele-vision deal with Rupert Murdoch.

Qualification for the 1997

World Cup Sevens in Hong

Kong will take place at tour-

naments in Portugal, United

Arab Emirates and Uruguay.

with Ireland hoping to be

among the eight who go through from Lisbon, Scotland

and Wales among the eight

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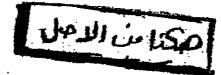
Irish have to undertake more

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## Risk lures Lewis to Manhattan

Boxing KEN JONES

reports from New York

As Lennox Lewis and Tommy Morrison were violently defeated when defending versions of the heavyweight champi-onship, their presence this week on an aircraft carrier moored off Manhattan prompted a notable cynic to suggest that the idea was to have them hitting the deck together.

This corresponded loosely with what the promoters of next Saturday's bout between Lewis and Morrison at the Convention Centre in Atlantic City had in mind when parading the contestants between an array of obsolete airborne weaponry. Bombs away and all that stuff.

Shortly, either Lewis or Morrison will become a museum piece in the heavyweight divi-sion. A corny sales pitch was not entirely misplaced, because there is enough on the records of both men to indicate that that the outcome of their encounter will not be determined by official calculation. Morrison comes with a big left hook but a suspect chin. About Lewis there is the question of whether a knock-out by Oliver McCall last year when defending the World Boxing Council cham-pionship has left him gun-shy.

No wonder that few in the boxing fraternity expect the contest to last more than a few rounds. It was supposed to hap-pen two years ago when Lewis and Morrison were respectively the WBC and World Boxing Organisation title-holders, but Michael Bentt ruined the script by blowing Morrison away in one round. Lewis had to lower his sights after the loss to McCall. Had they fought on schedule Morrison would have made \$8.2m (£5.3m). Lewis a bit more.

The differential has been maintained but there is a reduction of \$6m (£3.9m) in the purses. "Probably did me a favour," Morrison could be

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The number Britain's Greg Rusedski has reached in the world tennis rankings - the highest place by any British player since Buster Mottram and John Lioyd were in the top 25 more than 20 years ago. Jeremy Bates, Britain's best player for almost a decade, was never higher than 54th. heard saying while waiting for Lewis to put in an appearance. Since he could always be relied upon for a party, Morrison added: "I don't know if I'd be alive today. I don't think I could

have handled all that money." Since McCall sensationally took his title. Lewis has found himself looking in from the periphery of negotiations in the heavyweight division. From being the WBC's leading contender he now comes in behind Mike Tyson. Many believe he is taking a big risk against Morri-son. Why put himself in with a big puncher is more or less the

word in boxing. Lewis thinks this to be beneath his dignity. "Twe never ducked anybody," he said. "Tve always been prepared to fight anyone out there. That's what boxing should be about. Trouble is that politics plays too big a part in the sport."

By implication that means Don King, who has control of titles put out by the WBC, the World Boxing Association and the International Boxing Federation and a big alliance with Mike Tyson. Current speculation is that Tyson will begin an attempt to unify the championship by challenging Frank Bruno for the WBC crown. That would leave Lewis with the miserable prospect of being frozen out for at least another year. This underlines the risk

Lewis is taking on Saturday de-spite the confidence expressed by his trainer, Emanuel Steward. "I've always had a soft spot for Tommy because he always comes to fight," Steward said. The soft spot Steward imagines for Morrison is on the canvas. "He won't last more than three rounds." Steward added, alluding to his man's power and Morrison's weakness in the mandible area.

In their nine months together, Steward claims to have seen a considerable improvement in Lewis. "He's shown me things I haven't seen in any other heavyweight," he said. In Steward's mind no heavyweight, in-cluding Tyson and Riddick Bowe, would last more than eight rounds against him. "I really believe that," he added.

Lewis refutes the notion that he looked anxious in two contests since losing to McCall, even against the limited if pugnacious Justin Fortune who was on Morrison's payroll as a sparring part-ner. "I can't win," Lewis said. "If I take my time as Manny wants, people say that I'm gun-shy. They are the same people who wanted me to blast out McCall." Either way Lewis knows that if he doesn't get the job done on Saturday it's curtains.



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Simona Anwar, of Romania, takes the vault during the compulsory exercises in the women's team event at the World Gymnastic Championships in Sabae, Japan. The US finished the day in first place, with the defending champions Romania second

## Brown puts McStay back on the world stage

Paul McStay has a chance to relaunch his international career in Sweden next week. The Celtic midfielder has been recalled by the Scotland manager. Craig Brown, for the friendly in Stockholm on Wednesday.

McStay won the last of his 72 caps in March, when the Scots drew 0-0 in a European Championship qualifier in Russia. The Tranmere winger Pat Nevin and

Philippe Albert, a key figure in

Newcastle's League campaign

last season, will make his come-

back in tonight's Coca-Cola Cup

second round second leg against

Bristol City at St James' Park.

The Belgian international

has not played a competitive

match for the Magpies since he

picked up a knee injury just be-fore Christmas. Newcastle -

5-0 up from the first leg - will be without the injured Peter

Beardsley and David Ginola.

the Bolton striker John Mc-Ginlay are also included in an 18man squad for the senior match. "Paul is as fresh as a daisy at

present," Brown said. "He does not have anything to prove to me. He is very important to Scotland in terms of his final pass. We are overloaded with quality in midfield but what I do not know is our best striking partnership". Brown indicated he may choose a front pairing of Ally McCoist and Scott Booth of Aberdeen.

Beardsley is already out of

England's game with Norway next week while the Newcastle

manager, Kevin Keegan, says Gi-

nola is "struggling" to play for France in their European

Championship qualifier with

Romania. Teenage striker Paul

Brayson will at least be on the

bench for the first time after scor-

ing more than 50 goals for the

Paul Warhurst could make his

juniors and reserves last season.

first start of the season after

Chelsea's John Spencer start-ed ahead of McCoist against Finland last month, but has been ruled out through injury. Nevin was substituted by Tranmere last week because of a thigh strain and Brown said there is a question mark over his fitness. John Robertson of

Hearts is standing by. Brown will adopt a positive attacking policy against Sweden in a bid to put his side in good heart for the vital European Championship qualifier against

Inspirational Albert ready to boost Newcastle

Blackburn hope to improve on

a 3-2 advantage at home to

Swindon. Bobby Mimms stands

in for goalkeeper Tim Flowers,

who saved a late penalty from

Paul Bodin in the first leg, with the Australian Frank Talia on

the bench. Ironically, Talia this

week returned from a month's

loan at Swindon where he start-

be without their top scorer Bryan

Nottingham Forest could also

next month.

The senior squad holds no big surprises but the elevation of the goalkeeper Kevin McKeown to the B squad is a major surprise. He plays in Northern Ireland for Crusaders after being freed by Motherwell. McKeown is one of six new faces, with Gerry Creaney of Manchester City also called up. The Manchester City defender. Terry Phelan, has been

called up to the Republic of Ire-

recovering from a broken leg as Roy, who has a thigh strain as ton's gloom at Goodison where

Forest, the only side unbeaten in

the Premiership, attempt to over-

turn a 3-2 deficit against Brad-

ford City at the City Ground.

Forest will be without Lars Bo-

hinen, who scored twice in the

first leg, as he watches Blackburn,

who have made an offer for the

Millwall head for the north-

west hoping their German strik-

er. Uwe Fuchs, can finally break

his goal duck and add to Ever-

Norwegian, take on Swindon.

Six European Championship qualifier against Latvia in Dublin on Wednesday. The 28year-old full-back replaces Manchester United's Denis Irwin, who has been struggling

with a knee injury.

the two sides start goalless.

The Everton manager, Joe

Royle, has responded to his

side's poor form by dropping

centre-back David Unsworth

Earl Barrett is likely to switch

to the middle, with Matt Jack-

loan at Middlesbrough last sea-

son, but has not managed a sin-

gle goal since his £750,000 move from Kaiserslautern.

Fuchs hit nine in 15 games on

son recalled at full-back.

the five from Punta del Este. Along with the hosts, England and Australia, champions and numers-up in 1993, are pre-qualified, a status they do not enjoy for the 1999 World Cup, though San Marino at Hampden Park land's squad for the vital Group neither they nor the Scots and

> Robert Jones, favourite scrum-half of everyone except the Welsh selectors, was yester-day acknowledged by his coach at Swansea, Mike Ruddock, to be a target for Rob Andrew, Newcastle's new development director. If Garath Archer, a promising but unproven lock, was worth £40,000 a year, even a disillusioned Jones could com-

mand a handsome salary. Garrick Morgan, the Walla-Cup by signing for rugby league, will become the first to take advantage of the free gangway between the codes when he returns to rugby union. Morgan had been well-regarded in union but was a flop with South Queensland Crushers.

Morgan's comeback emphasises the absurdity of the RFU's desire to maintain a standdown period from code to code. Dave Hinchliffe, MP for Wakefield, and the Parliamentary Rugby League Group, are to discuss the issue with the Minister for Sport later this month.

### Ciniglio able to depart on a high note

England created more than a record when they beat China in a scries for the first time on the tour which ended at Maidenhead last night, writes James

Leigh.

The winning 4-1 lead achieved at Salisbury the night before helped bring about a mood of optimism that the decline of the past decade can be reversed and that new achievements are round the corner. Although their opponents were a tiny squad made up

mostly of juniors, it was, like others before it, a squad burst-ing with players on the verge of a world-class breakthrough: To beat them in any circumstances was an achievement; for England to do so with teams using a hevy of youngsters was an iniportant foundation in the rebuilding.

"We've had our critics, but now there's some light at the end of the tunnel. I think I might be going out on a high," said the England manager, Čiro Ciniglio, who leaves the job after the Atlanta Olympics next year. His successor is the former European and Commonwealth champion, Steve Baddeley, who is returning home after a five-

year absence. The most established players are Joanne Wright and Julie Bradbury, potential Olympic medal winners, Chris Hunt and Simon Archer, the European men's doubles champions who could be dangerous in Atlanta, and Nick Ponting, last year's All England mixed doubles champion in partnership with Wright. But the most promising are Sarah Hardaker, Nathan Robertson, Gail Emms, James Anderson, Ian Pearson, Neil Cottrill and John Quinn - all names for the future.

### SPORTING DIGEST **Haynes linked to Sussex**

Sussex have refused to confirm reports linking the former West Indies opener, Desmond Haynes, with the vacant post of first-team coach following his recent departure from Middle-

"Several names have been linked to the appointment but obviously Haynes has the track record and expertise that could make us wish to talk to him if he were available," the county's Griffiths, said. "Obviously we

want to fill the position as soon as possible but I can not confirm whether an approach has been

made." The 39-year-old batsman played in 116 Tests for the West Indies, four of them as captain, and is taking legal action against them for damages and loss of earnings after being left out of the squad for the summer Test

fort to revive their fortunes.

## Indurain in Obree's way

Graeme Obree, who claimed the world 4,000 metres pursuit championship last week, faces an encounter with Miguel Indurain in his search for gold in the World Championships timetrial in Colombia today.

Indurain, who won his fifth consecutive Tour de France in the summer, will be looking for his first world title, and hopes to make it a double in Sunday's world road-race championship. The closest the Spaniard has come to a world title was two

### years ago in Norway, when he finished second in the road

Lance Armstrong. This time he is one of several serious contenders in both events, which are wide open because of the altitude, around

tory to go to the rider who can adapt best to the altitude. "Tactics will be the least important aspect here," he said. "There are no favourites in these competitions. Everyone is an unknown quantity."

time, because he's so dangerous

Beltre, a world amateur

cess at the second attempt when he tackles Eamonn Loughran for the World Boxing Organisation welterweight title in

The Dominican Republic fighter's hopes of taking Loughran s crown in May ended when a clash of heads left Belire in a bloody state. The WBO ordered a rematch, and after two operations to clear up eye damage, Beltre is determined not to make the same mistake. "I'm go-

## series here.

Sussex, who have gone nine seasons without a tropby, also want to appoint a director of marketing manager. Robert cricket and coaching in an ef-

race behind the American.

2,600 metres above sea level. Indurain said he expects vic-

### Beltre has scent of blood ing to be a lot more careful this

with the head," he explained. Angel Beltre is predicting succhampion at 17, will offer a much sterner challenge than Loughran's last opponent, the American Tony Gannarelli, who Belfast on Saturday.

was stopped in six rounds. 'I was baiting him in the first fight until the third round when I began to take control until Loughran butted me," he added. "I was going to win the world title until that happened but I've worked on the way he fights and he won't do it this time."

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Booking
Robbie Regan's attempt to regain the British flywelght title from his old rival, Frances Ampofo, has been postponed because of a car crash suffered by the Welshman. The fight was due to take place on 25 October In Cardiff, but Regan's training programme has been disrupted following the crash, in which he and his wife sustained whiplash injuries. As a result, Regan's manager, Dal Gardiner, is requesting a further month for his boxer to prepare for the contest.

Jeff Fenech, Australia's former tricle Jeff Fenech, Australia's former triple world champion, yesterday announced plans for a comeback against the American James Lonsiver in Atlantic City on 18 November.

## Cricket

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Sri Lanko repeated their Test series triumph in the deciding one-day international in Rawaipindi yesterday, beating
the world champions, Pakistan, by
four wickets with two bells to spare to
canch a 2-1-victory.

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Patistan 123 for 9 (28 overs): 124 for 6 (37.4
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## Football

ed five games.

Werder Bremen were knocked out of the German Cup by Second Division Nurem-berg last night after squandering a two-goal lead. Mario Basier looked to have settled the third-round tie early on by setting up a goal for Vladimir Beschast-nykh and then looping in an inspired lob from 18 yards in dive the 1994. Cur nylch and then looping in an inspired lob from 16 yards to give the 1994 Cup winners a 2-0 lead after just 20 min-utes. But Nuremberg, already conquerors of another Bundesliga First Division side, Hansa Rostock, earned their just reward for concerted pressure shortly efter half-time when Joe Max Moore scored from a free-kick. Marlus Kurth equalised 10 minutes later and Oliver Straube com-letted a remarkable comeheck by notpleted a remarkable comeback by net-

ting a last-minute winner. The Dutch footbell association (KNVB) The Dutch football association (KNVB) and anti-racism groups on yesterday urged Uefa to stamp out racest behaviour by tans. Ferenciaros followers waved Nazi benners and intimidated Ajax 's black players in last week's Champions' League game in Budapest. "Defa should be deeply concerned and take action against this gross misbehaviour," a KNVB spokesman said.

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## Sheikh ends 'dream' alliance with Cecil

RICHARD EDMONDSON

Racing's dream team will go their separate ways following the announcement yesterday that Sheikh Mohammed, the globe's most powerful owner, is to remove the 40 horses he has with the 10-times champion trainer of Britain, Henry Cecil. The relationship between the two men had deteriorated recently when Cecil, and his

isfaction at Sheikh Mohammed's policy of moving on some of the best horses at Warren Place to his native Dubai. It broke down yesterday when the Sheikh complained about the condition of a horse

he had taken from Cecil, the

"Sheikh Mohammed expressed extreme disappointment over this matter because his trainer did not inform him of all the facts relating to this colt," Anthony Stroud, the

that if people are loyal to him, then he is loval to them." If Sheikh Mohammed felt his

trainer of 14 years had kept him in the dark, so too must some of Cecil's staff. "The writing seemed to be on the wall, but we didn't think it would happen this quickly," Lennie Anderton, Cecil's travelling head lad, said. This is worrying for the lads in the yard as they are going to be wondering about their jobs. The injury to the horse is news

yesterday. What Sheikh Mo-hammed is stressing here is leg problem with the horse the Emirates before returning drawn. He wants to act with Contrary to general opinion, it when he was in the yard."

Thus ends a haison which provided Classic and Group One successes apienty such as Indian Skimmer, Diminuendo, Old Vic, Belmez, King's Theatre and, perhaps the best of them all, the 1985 Fillies' Triple Crown winner, Oh So Sharp.
Those times seemed to be

forgotten, however, when the Sheikh started taking horses from Warren Place, among others, to fuel his Godolphin opthem to compete in Britain. The Cecils did not like it, and Sheikh Mohammed did not like their reaction.

The trainer said yesterday: "Obviously this is a knock, but I feel that under the circumstances this is probably for the best as his [Sheikh Mo-bammed's] first priority is Dubai and mine is my family, my staff, my other owners and, as ever, to win as many races as possible." On the specific topic of Mark

some dignity," a spokesperson at his yard said last night. "He'll not comment further and you can read into that what you will."

There was plenty coming from Mark Of Esteem's owner, however. "Mark Of Esteem arrived safely in Dubai and on his arrival a complete physical examination was carried out and it was discovered that he had a knee condition which could require surgery," Stroud said.
"This injury occurred during or

Contrary to general opinion, it is unlikely that Mark Of Esteem would have been able to run in the Royal Lodge Stakes. However, Sheikh Mohammed was not informed until the day of the Royal Lodge when Henry Ce-cil admitted that Mark Of Es-

teem had a knee problem." An injury to one horse, then, has led to another more damaging, the fracture between the most successful trainer and owner of modern times. The future for Cecil, page 25

## Jordan leads York to the promised land

GUY HODGSON York City Manchester United York win 4-3 on aggregate

It is just as well that Eric Cantona has returned for Manchester United, because little else is going right for them at the moment. A week after going out of the Uefa Cup they were dismissed from the Coca-Cola Cup last night when they could not

Rotherham United Middlesbrough

Middlesbrough win 3-1 on agg

The Premiership newcomers,

Middlesbrough, avoided step-

ping on a Coca-Cola Cup ba-

nana skin at Millmoor last

night, where a second-half goal

by their defender Steve Vick-

ers confirmed their place in the

third round at the expense of

Second Division Rotherham,

who had a man sent off after

places in their relative league po-

first-leg scoreline created the po-

tential for an upset. The odds

against one lengthened, howev-

er, when Rotherham's Neil

Richardson, their central mid-

fielder, was sent off for a second

bookable offence, having com-

mitted two similar fouls on

Jamie Pollock in the space of five

The loss did nothing to damp-

en Rotherham's eagerness and

the speed of Shaun Goater

kept Middlesbrough's defence

on alert, but by half time the vis-

itors were threatening to go

Even with a disparity of 49

only 30 minutes.

worked like fury to restrict
their illustrious opponents to a

The highest calibre turned out to be Cantona, who had revictory that was not compre-hensive enough. When United needed a torrent they could not find it, having to be content with two goals from Paul Scholes and another from Terry Cooke. In the end Scott Jordan's first-balf

effort proved more important. York played a striker, Paul Baker, in goal for 70 minutes against Hull on Saturday and still did not concede a goal so they had reason to believe they might cling on to the 3-0 lead they had accrued at Old Trafquite undo the damage they had suffered in the first leg.
Second Division York they had accrued at Old Trafford, no matter which "big guns" United trained on them.

covered sufficiently from his first game in eight months on Sunday to start. The Frenchman's capacity to command the headlines was proved in a beginning of some note. Six minutes into the match

Andy Cole crossed from the right too strongly and Cantona had to retrieve the ball from the opposite wing. His pass had the subtlety and weight that his striking partner lacked and Paul Scholes had one touch on the edge of the area before beating Andy Warrington.

The 19-year-old York goalkeeper, who was making his first-team debut, had to wait another seven minutes for his next touch of the ball and again it was to pick it out of his net. This time there was a quickfire string of passes between Scholes, Cole and Ryan Giggs down the left flank before Cooke appeared at the far post to side-foot the ball in.

imperative for the visitors to at-

tack and, after 53 minutes, Roy

Keane was added to the Unit-

add bite and force to the mid-

field at the expense of the skil-

ful but lightweight Cooke. He

almost scored with his first

touch too, crashing into a 50-50

tackle to send the ball narrow-

Ty Water.

York City (4-4-2): Warrington; McMillan, Tu-till, Barrae, Hait, Aldin, Williams, Pepper, Jor-dan; Barraes, Peveral. Substitutes not used: Oxley, Naylor, Belser.

Maschester Ustine! (4-4-2): Schmeichel; G Nowlie, Bruce, Pälister, Sharpe (P Nowlie 67); Cooke (Kesne, 53), Beckham, Scholes, Gg-"Crite, Cantons, Sobstitute not used: Mo-cartons, Sobstitute not used: Mo-

All this pointed to United wiping out their first-leg handicap with some ease, but York struck back after 38 minutes to restore a two-goal advantage. Paul Barnes, twice a scorer in the first leg, swerved past Gary Pallister but, as he was about to shoot, Steve Bruce slid into block to no avail, and Jordan pushed the rebound past Peter

ly wide.

Goater almost instantly raised Rotherham's hopes with a well-struck drive on the turn, but Gary Walsh pushed the ed battalions, coming on to ball over the bar.

was Middlesbrough who went closest to a further goal when Robbie Mustoe's volley forced another save from Clarke.

Rotherham United (5-3-2): Clarke; Wilder, Blades, Moningion, Bratien, Bowyer; Goodwin, Richardson, Riscoe; Jeffrey, Goote: Substitutes not used: Hayward, Furst; Farely (gd.) Middlesbrough (4-3-2-1): Welsh; Cox (Liddel, 70), Pearson, Vickers, Wilytz; Whelsn; Policic, Muster; Highert, Barmby, Fartot. Substitutes not used: Hendine, Moore.

Vickers makes sure

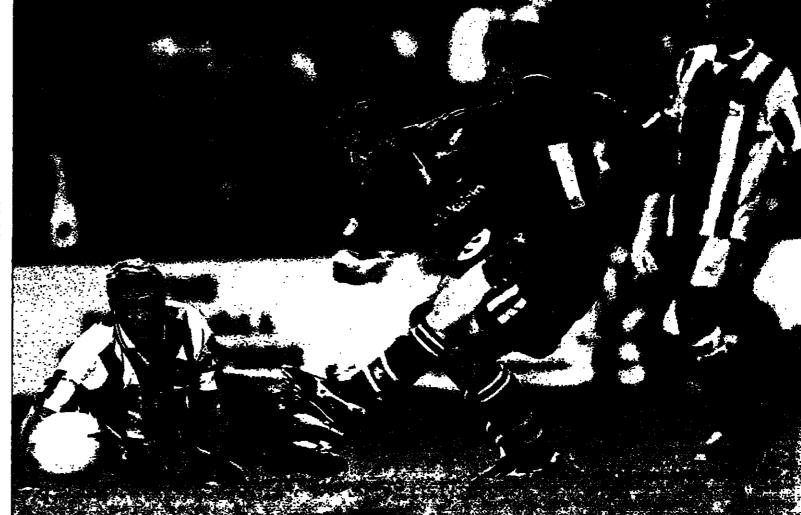
Craig Hignett twice tested Matthew Clarke between the Rotherham posts, the second bringing a corner from which a Jan Åge Fjørtoft header was stopped on the line by Goater, with the away supporters claiming handball. Clarke saved again from Nick Barmby's header on the stroke of half time.

ahead with increasing frequen-

cy as the Yorkshire team sought

But Clarke was beaten five minutes into the second period. Vickers providing the cushion of a two-goal aggregate lead, meeting Hignett's corner with a firm diagonal header.

This opened a purposeful phase by the home side but it



## Bohinen set to join Blackburn

Blackburn Rovers, floundering in both the Premiership and the European Cup, are set to revamp their midfield with two major signings - Lars Bohinen from McKinlay of Dundee United.

Bohinen, who will play for Norway against England in Oslo a week tonight, is expected to join Ray Harford's ailing champions today at a knock-down price of £700,000. McKinlay, a regular in the Scotland squad, may follow before the weekend if the Scottish First Division club accept Blackburn's offer of £1.5m.

In confirming that Bohinen was to discuss terms with Blackburn, the Forest manager, Frank Clark, admitted the 29-year-old

Leeds win 3-2 on aggregate

Gary Speed's 25-yard drive end-

ed Notts County's resistance at

Meadow Lane last night with the

scoreboard showing 90 min-utes. The Second Division un-

for the second time.

Coca-Cola Cup Second round second leg

Patterson 58 McGinley 66 Thompson 81

ne win 4-2 on addragate Mick Bodiey sent off, 77

PHIL SHAW

Notts County

Leeds United

ract which allowed him to leave for no more than £700,000. Bohinen, who joined Forest two years ago for £400,000, would have fetched up to £2.5m in nor-"We've taken legal advice and

tried to buy out the clause, but it's there and really the mistake is down to me," Clark said. Bohinen may prove to be the runner from midfield Blackburn have conspicuously lacked. He scored six goals in 34 Pre-

miership games last season. McKinlay, 26, is also a marksman of some standing, having Premiership's recent arrivals. scored three times in his first five appearances for Scotland and collected a hat-trick in Saturday's Dundee derby. Their arrival could set off a scramble for First Division club want Tim Sherwood, the captain of £750,000 for Jobson. Blackburn's title-winning side.

Speed delivers decisive strike

must be doubtful, but there was

At first it centred on Gary

McAllister, whom Advocaat knows from his days as coach to

the Dutch national team. The

Scotland captain collapsed

clutching a shin after a tackle by

Richard Walker, and was being

carried off on a stretcher when

no lack of drama.

player had a clause in his conwho is understood to interest ed Celtic to accept £400,000 for the Football Association. The tract which allowed him to leave Arsenal and Chelsea. Arsenal and Chelsea.

Almost certainly leaving Ewood Park is Lee Makel, who should complete a move to Crystal Palace tomorrow. With the out-of-contract midfielder, the fee is likely to be settled by an independent tribunal.

Peter Thorne, the 22-year-old striker whom Blackburn sold for £225,000 to Swindon 22 months ago, was yesterday the subject of a rejected film offer from Bolton. Scot Gemmill, the Forest midfielder, is also a £2m target for the

Coventry City have had an offer of £500,000 rejected by Oldham Athletic for their central defender, Richard Jobson. The

Ipswich Town have persuad

allowing the striker to collect his

12th goal of the season from the

who did not reappear after the interval, Leeds dominated ter-

ritorially but were generally re-

stricted to long range. On the

hour, however, County were de-

pleted by the dismissal of Strodder, whose vellow card for a late

lunge at Tony Yeboah followed

clear chance to settle the tie mo-

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well enough only for it to cannot

to safety off the advancing Lukic.

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Nevertheless, County had a

a first-half caution.

Even without McAllister,

Blackburn seeking £600,000 for both united yesterday in dis- fine him for his exaggerated celmissing reports that Mark ebrations after scoring in the

Hughes was unsettled in London and wanted to return north. Andy Townsend has been handed a double punishment by

cuss personal terms with the First Division club.

Mowbray, who has still to dis-suspended for one match following his sending off against first Division club. Nottingham Forest last month
Chelsea and Everton were and Villa have been ordered to same 1-1 draw with Forest - his first goal in seven months.

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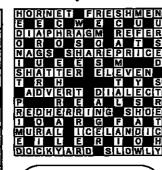
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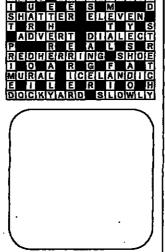
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on to drill his first goal of the season beyond Darren Ward from 15 yards. The sight of Ward was an uncomfortable reminder to Leeds of their recent fallibility

he decided to resume

derdogs, down to 10 men for the final half-hour after Gary Strod-Leeds were thankful he did. In the 19th minute, McAllister der was sent off, looked to have raced on to Brian Deane's flickforced extra time with Devon White's 75th-minute equaliser, iust 80 seconds after Andy Couzens had put Leeds ahead Watching from the directors' box was Dick Advocaat, the manager of Leeds' next Uefa Cup opponents, PSV Eindhoven. Whether a full-blooded English Cup-tie will have told

in this competition. A year ago he kept two clean sheets for Mansfield as they put out the Premiership outlit, and the spec-

tre of a repeat loomed when County levelled after 26 minutes.

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